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SHUTENDOJI

KNOCK! KNOCK!
YES, COME IN.
CLICK!
MAY I COME IN, JIRO?
ARE YOU STUDYING NOW?
FATHER!
YOU'RE BACK... YES, COME IN... I DON'T MIND.

BUT GOING OUT IS STARTING TO EXHAUST ME.
I THINK I CAN WRITE A FASCINATING STORY.
IT WAS VERY FUN.
HOW WAS YOUR RESEARCH TRIP?
STILL, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE ALREADY FIFTEEN ...
YOU'RE STILL YOUNG, FATHER!
YOU'RE KIDDING!
MAYBE I'M JUST GETTING OLD.
JIRO, I HEAR YOU'VE BEEN HAVING NIGHTMARES LATELY.
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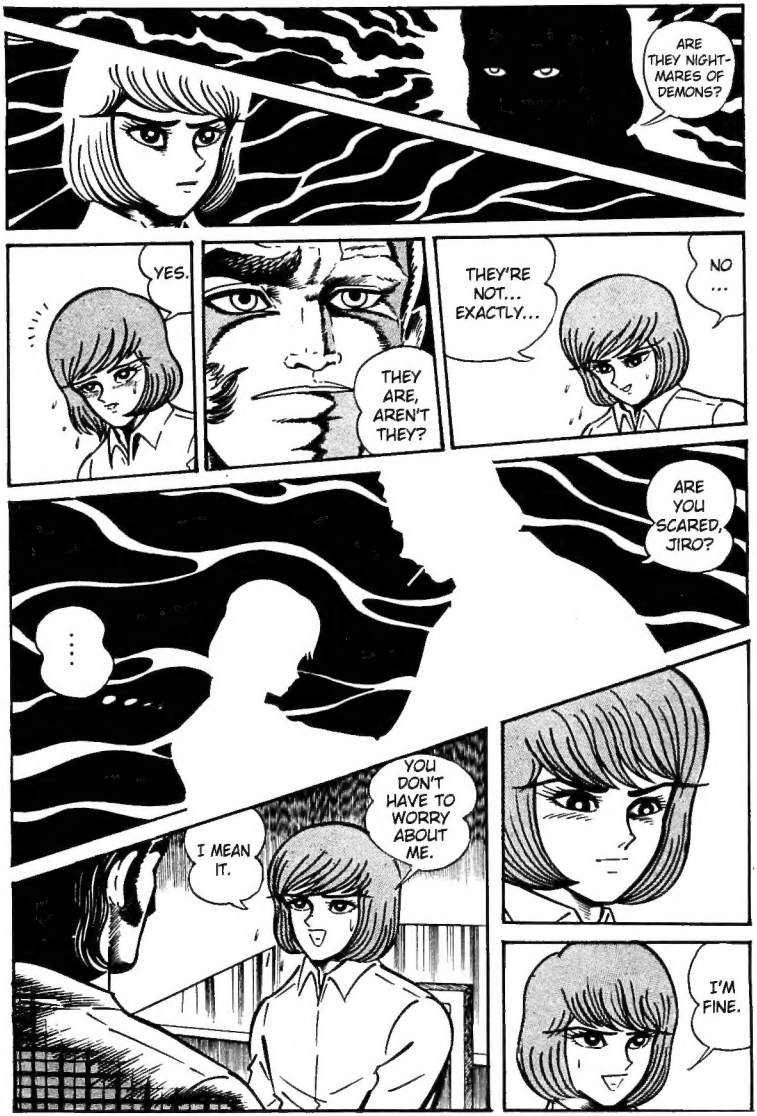
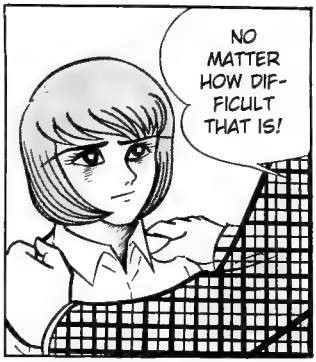
IT'S ALREADY BEEN FIFTEEN YEARS SINCE...
TIME SURE FLIES.

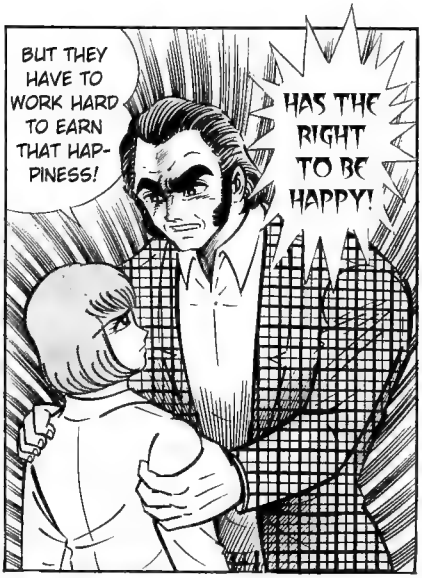

ARE THEY NIGHT-MARES OF DEMONS?
NO ...
THEY'RE NOT... EXACTLY...
YES.
THEY ARE, AREN'T THEY?
ARE YOU SCARED, JIRO?
...
I'M FINE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME.
I MEAN IT.

I KNEW IT...
EHEHEHE... ACTUALLY, I AM A LITTLE SCARED...
DON'T FORCE YOURSELF...
WE MAY NOT BE RELATED BY BLOOD, BUT WE ARE FATHER AND SON...
HEHEH...
NOT THAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
AFTER SEEING THAT TERRIFYING DEMON MYSELF...
YOUR CHILDHOOD MEMORIES MUST BE SHOWING UP IN YOUR DREAMS...
I WOULD BE COWERING IF I WERE IN YOUR SHOES.
IT WOULD BE POINTLESS TO TELL YOU TO NOT BE AFRAID.
YOU HAD A GLIMPSE OF THE WORLD OF DEMONS AT THE AGE OF ONE...
YOU HAVE A FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE OF THE AWE OF DEMONS...
AND I ONLY HAD THE DREADFUL IMAGE OF A DEMON SEARED INTO MY BRAIN...
OR WHY I WAS IN A WORLD TEEMING WITH DEMONS...
IF I DIDN'T KNOW WHO I WAS...

AND IF THAT SAME DEMON ...
WAS TRYING TO TAKE ME BACK INTO THAT INCOM-PREHENSIBLE WORLD...
WHAT COULD BE MORE TER-RIFYING THAN THAT...?

AND OF COURSE YOU WOULD HAVE NIGHTMARES ABOUT THEM ...
YOU WOULD DREAM OF THEM...
BUT ...
YOU WILL HAVE TO FACE IT EVENTUALLY!
IF THIS IS YOUR INESCAPABLE DESTINY...
YOU CAN'T JUST COWER IN FEAR..
DO YOU UNDERSTAND ME, JIRO?
EVERYONE WHO IS BORN INTO THIS WORLD...
JIRO ...


NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT THAT IS!


BUT THEY HAVE TO WORK HARD TO EARN THAT HAPPINESS!
HAS THE RIGHT TO BE HAPPY!

THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE AS A HUMAN.

BUT ...
YOU MAY HAVE TO VENTURE INTO THE WORLD OF DEMONS SOON...

DO YOU UNDERSTAND, JIRO?

HOWEVER DREADFUL A WORLD IT MAY BE...
HOWEVER FILLED IT IS WITH DANGER..
YOU MUST NOT GIVE UP ON TRYING TO FIND HAP-PINESS!
NEVER LOSE HOPE!
THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A WAY!

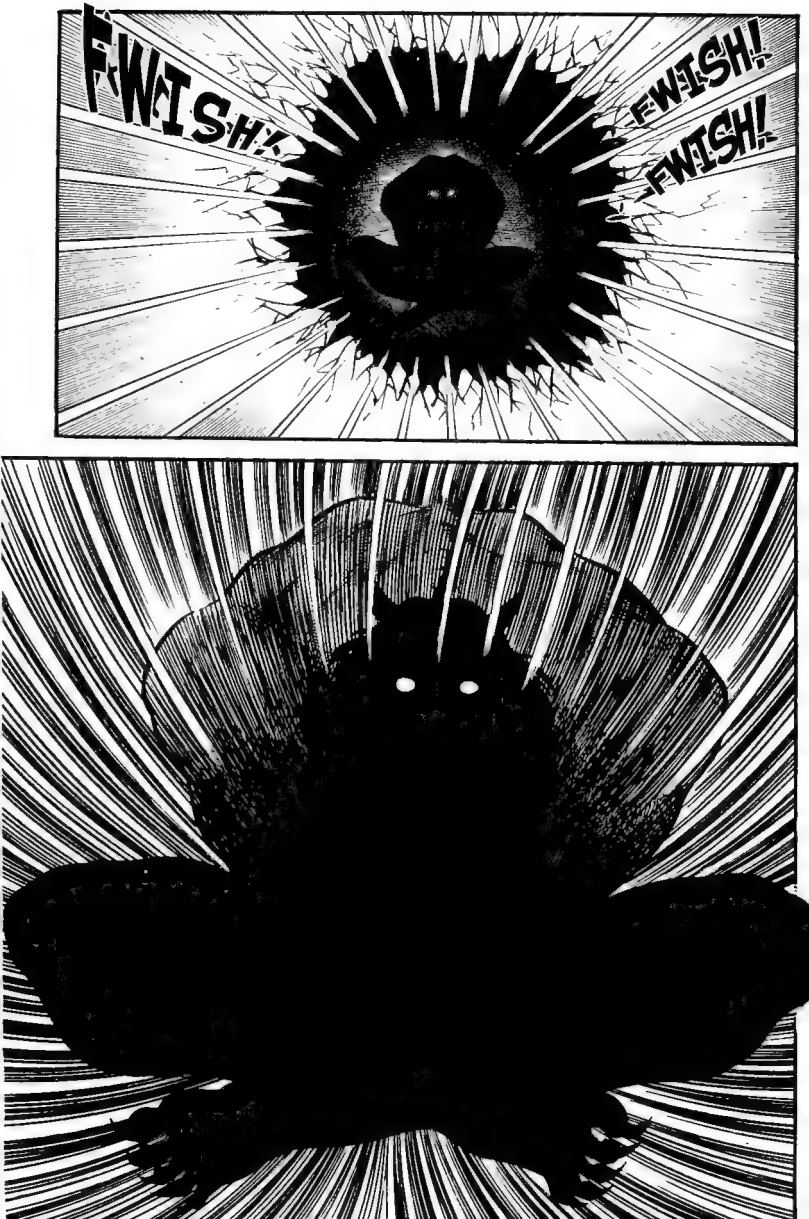
YES.
DO YOU UNDER-STAND ME...?
I'M NEVER GIVING YOU UP!!
EVEN IF THE DEMONS COME FOR YOU...
BUT ...

SHUTENDO JIRO! WHATEVER WORLD YOU MAY COME FROM, YOU BELONG TO THIS WORLD NOW!
YOU ARE OUR SON! YOU HAVE SHARED HAPPINESS WITH YOUR MOTHER AND I. WE... ARE A TRUE FAMILY!
WE COULDN'T HAVE CHILDREN OF OUR OWN...
YOU WERE OUR ONLY CHILD.
I DON'T ...
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU!
IF WE LOSE YOU, WE'LL LOSE ALL OUR MEANING IN LIFE!
I'M NOT LETTING THE DEMONS HAVE YOU!
NEVER! NEVER!

I AM YOUR FATHER!
I WON'T EVEN LET YOUR BIRTH PARENTS FROM THE DEMON REALM HAVE YOU!
I WON'T LET THEM HAVE YOU! I'LL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO PROTECT YOU!
I'LL COME WITH YOU! EVEN IF WE GO TO HELL ITSELF!!
AND IF THEY INSIST ON TAKING YOU WITH THEM...
THEN I'M COMING WITH YOU!!!
WE WILL RISK OUR LIVES FOR YOUR HAPPINESS, JIRO!!

SKRAKKK!
SKRAKKK!
SKRAKKK!
SKRAKKK!

FLAAASH!


F-W-I-S-H!
F-W-I-S-H!
F-W-I-S-H!

CRICK-CRACK!
BOOOM!
CRICK-CRACK!
BOOOM!
SLURP!
SLURP!

BOOOM!

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SHUTENDOJI

THE POSSESSING DEMON

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& DYNAMIC PRO

FLASH!

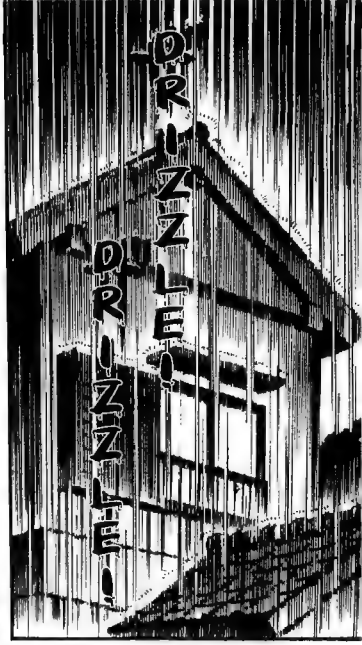
THUD!
RIP!-RIP!-RIP!
RIP!
RIP
RIP
RIP

AI-
TIE
EEE
EEE
EEE
EE!

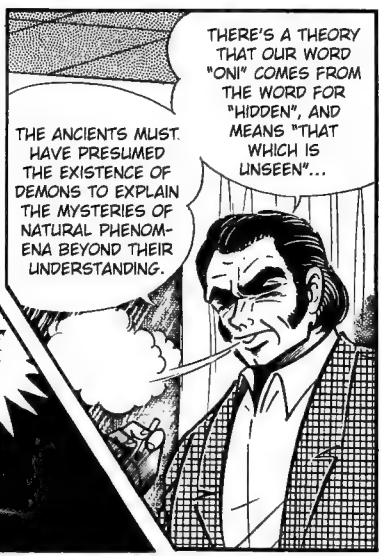
FLAASH!

RUM-
BLE!
RUM-
BLE!
RUM-
BLE
ROARRR!

DEMONS... THERE ARE TRACES OF THEM IN LEGENDS, ART, AND SCULPTURES NOT ONLY FROM JAPAN, BUT AROUND THE WORLD.

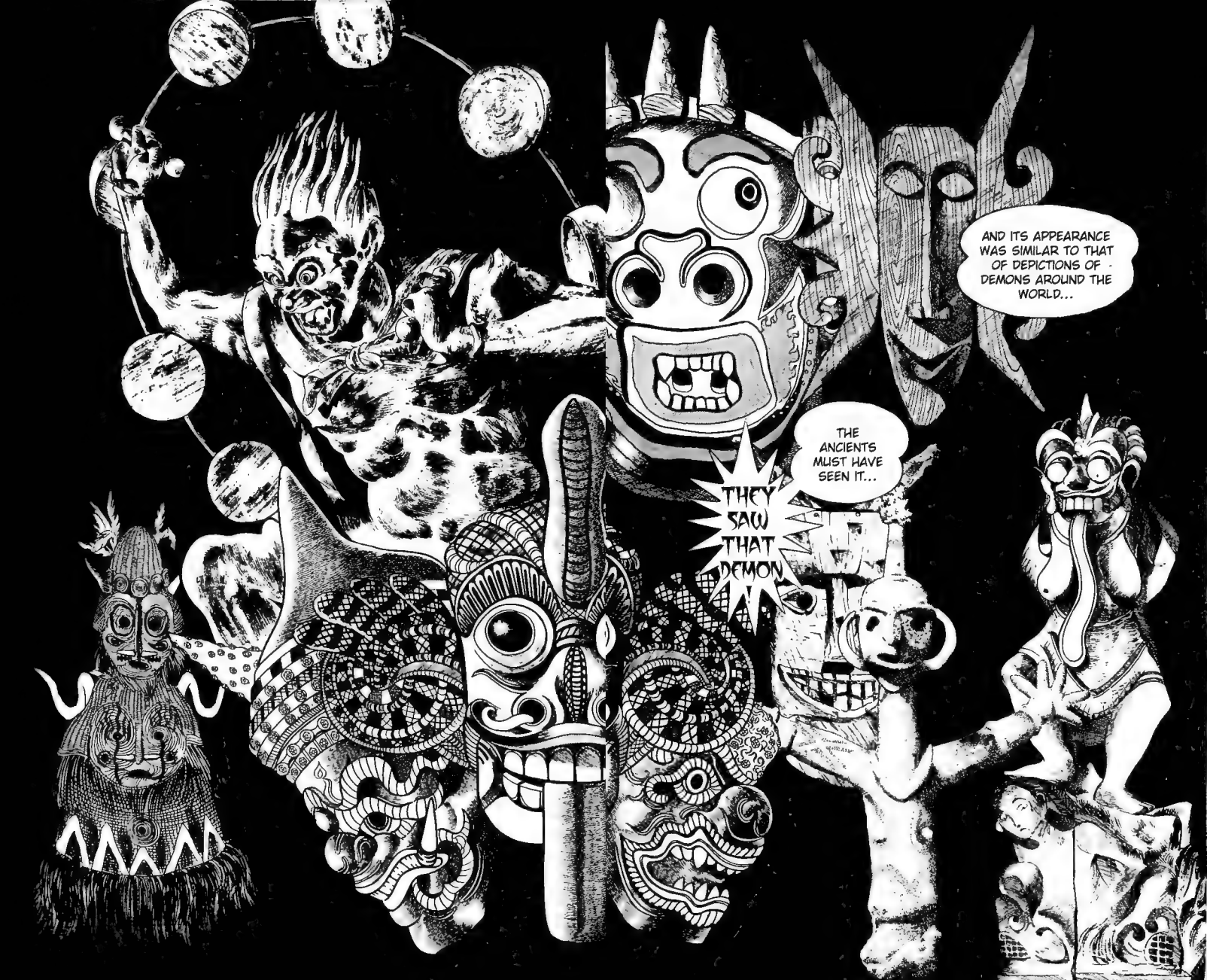

DRIZZLE!
DRIZZLE!

IN CHINA, THEY SAY THAT DEMONS ARE THE RETURNED SPIRITS OF THE DEAD...

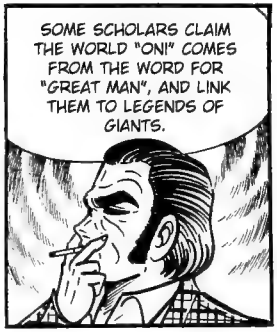

THERE'S A THEORY THAT OUR WORD "ONI" COMES FROM THE WORD FOR "HIDDEN", AND MEANS "THAT WHICH IS UNSEEN"...
THE ANCIENTS MUST HAVE PRESUMED THE EXISTENCE OF DEMONS TO EXPLAIN THE MYSTERIES OF NATURAL PHENOMENA BEYOND THEIR UNDERSTANDING.

BUT THAT WAS NOT THE DEMON THAT WE SAW!

IT WAS ALIVE!
IT WAS A LIVING BEING!
AN INTELLIGENT LIVING BEING OVER SEVEN OR EIGHT METERS TALL!!

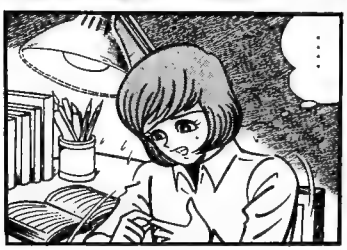

AND ITS APPEARANCE WAS SIMILAR TO THAT OF DEPICTIONS OF DEMONS AROUND THE WORLD...
THE ANCIENTS MUST HAVE SEEN IT...
THEY SAW THAT DEMON

AND THE DEMON WE SAW WAS TRULY A GIANT!
A HORNED GIANT!


SOME SCHOLARS CLAIM THE WORLD "ONI" COMES FROM THE WORD FOR "GREAT MAN", AND LINK THEM TO LEGENDS OF GIANTS.

THAT WAS ALSO THE FIRST MAN-EATING DEMON...

THE FIRST MAN-EATING DEMON!?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"THE OLD ONES SAYETH, THAT LONG AGO, A MAN CULTIVATED AND PROTECTED A FIELD HERE IN THE MOUNTAINS. IT WAS THEN THAT THE FIRST DEMON CAME, AND DEVOURED THE MAN TILLING THE FIELD."
THE FIRST MENTION OF DEMONS IN JAPANESE LITERATURE WAS IN THE "CHRONICLES OF WIND AND LAND OF IZUMO PROVINCE".
OR SO IT GOES.

SINCE THEN, THERE HAVE BEEN MANY DEMONIC INCIDENTS RECORDED IN DOCUMENTS SUCH AS THE "CHRONICLES OF JAPAN", THE "SPIRITUAL CHRONICLES OF JAPAN", THE "TALES OF NOW AND THEN", THE "ABRIDGED LAND OF THE EAST", THE "TRUE ACCOUNT OF THREE GENERATIONS", AND THE "TALES OF THE UJI'S GLEANINGS".
THIS WOULD MEAN THAT THE DEMONS WERE MOST ACTIVE FROM 800 TO 900, OR THE NARA AND HEIAN PERIODS...
REGARDLESS OF THEIR CONNECTION TO THE DEMONS WE SAW...
WE CAN INTERPRET THIS AS THERE HAVE BEING COUNTLESS BIZARRE AND INHUMAN INCIDENTS IN THAT PERIOD...
THEY MAY HAVE JUST BEEN CRIMES MADE TO LOOK LIKE DEMONIC ACTS.
THEY SAW THE INCIDENTS CAUSED BY DEMONS FIRSTHAND.
AND THEY RECORDED WHAT THEY SAW IN THOSE DOCUMENTS.
ONLY MODERN PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE DEMONS DON'T EXIST WOULD INFER THEM AS CRIMES.
BUT THEY COULD HAVE BEEN ACTS OF DEMONS, RIGHT?
THE ANCIENTS DID NOT INVENT FICTIONAL DEMONS OUT OF IGNORANCE!
BUT DEMONS DO EXIST.

AND THEY SAW THE DEMONS THEMSELVES!
THEY DEPICTED THEIR APPEARANCE ON ROOF TILES AND IN STORY-BOOKS!

THAT DOES SOUND UNLIKELY.
NOW, DON'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS.
THAT MAY MEAN THAT THE DEMON THAT BROUGHT YOU HERE TRAVELLED THROUGH TIME FROM THAT ERA...
THE LEGENDS SAY THAT THE DOJI WAS BORN TO A PEASANT IN NAKAMURA, IN KANBARA DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF ECHIGO (MODERN-DAY NIIGATA PREFECTURE)...
HMM... THE LEGEND OF MT. OE...
WHAT ABOUT MY NAMESAKE, SHUTENDOJI, THE DEMON OF MT. OE?
AND ALL HIS TEETH HAD COME IN. HE HAD THE BODY OF A SIX-YEAR-OLD BOY.
HE WAS IN HIS MOTHER'S WOMB FOR SIXTEEN MONTHS,
AND BEGAN WALKING AS SOON AS HE WAS BORN.
OHHH!? THAT'S AMAZING!
HIS HAIR WAS FULLY-GROWN...

SHOCKED, HIS PARENTS ENTRUSTED THE BOY TO A MOUNTAIN TEMPLE IN HISAGAMI VILLAGE...
THERE WAS A HERETIC PRIEST IN THIS TEMPLE,
AND HE LEARNED THE BLACK ARTS AND SORCERY FROM THIS PRIEST, AND HID HIMSELF IN MT. OE...
SO HE WAS A SORCERER?
AND IN AUGUST OF EIEN YEAR 2 [988 AD], A WHIRLWIND RAVAGED THE CITY OF KYOTO, AND NOT ONLY HOMES INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL, BUT EVEN PALACES AND TEMPLES, WERE BLOWN AWAY LIKE LEAVES!!

THERE IS A DEMON ON MT. OE TO THE WEST!
THE COURT WAS SHOCKED BY THIS ATROCITY, AND SUMMONED A FORTUNE-TELLER, WHO TOLD THEM...
AND SO, MINAMOTO YORIMITSU WAS ORDERED TO TRACK DOWN SHUTENDOJI,
AND HE LED WATANABE-NO-TSUNA AND THE OTHER FOUR LORDS, DISGUISED AS ITINERANT PRIESTS, AND CAME TO SHUTENDOJI'S DWELLING.
THEY BEGGED A ROOM FOR THE NIGHT, OFFERED THE WINE THEY HAD BROUGHT ALONG,
AND WHEN THE DOJI PASSED OUT IN DRUNKENNESS...
HE CUT HIS HEAD CLEAN OFF!

SHUTENDOJI'S HEAD...? THAT SOUNDS CREEPY...
BUT HIS STRENGTH GAVE OUT, AND HE COLLAPSED IN OI-NO-SAKA, AT THE ENTRANCE TO KYOTO.
SHUTENDOJI'S SEVERED HEAD FLOATED IN MIDAIR AND FLEW TO THE CITY...
THAT'S A SONG WRITTEN BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION... WE USED TO SING IT IN SCHOOLS ALL THE TIME...
LONG AGO, ON MT. OE OF TANBA, THERE LIVED MANY A DEMON THERE, THEY CAME OUT TO THE CITY TO DEVOUR PEOPLE, AND STEAL THEIR GOLD AND TREASURE
WHAT WAS THAT?
PFFFT!
PERHAPS HIM BEING A SORCERER... OR A DEMON IS AN EXAGGERATION?
BUT I HAVE A FEELING THAT THE TALE OF SHUTENDOJI IS MORE LIKELY ABOUT A BANDIT CHIEF... OR A REBELLION LEADER THAN A DEMON.
YOU'RE SO OLD, FATHER!
THERE ARE OLDER PEOPLE THAN ME, YOU KNOW!
OH, AM I NOW?

HE WAS A WARRIOR OF JUSTICE WHO DISAGREED WITH THE CORRUPT NOBLES!
THOUGH I DON'T THINK HE WAS A BANDIT AT ALL!
HE WAS A HERO OF THE PEOPLE!
SOUNDS SUSPICIOUS THAT THEY WOULD BLAME SHUTENDOJI FOR THE WHIRLWIND...
THEY MUST'VE WANTED A JUST CAUSE TO SUPPRESS HIM.
YES, THAT MUST BE IT.
YES. THAT MIGHT ACTUALLY BE TRUE...
THAT'S WHY THEY USED THAT QUACK FORTUNE-TELLER TO MAKE A DEMON OF HIM!
BUT THEY HAD NO REASON TO DEFEAT HIM WITH MILITARY FORCE.
THE AUTHORITIES WERE ANNOYED WITH SHUTENDOJI.
LET'S JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT, THEN.
HAHHAHHAH! YOU'RE QUITE RIGHT!
NO ONE WHO SHARES MY NAME COULD BE A BAD PERSON!
IT MUST BE!

YOU'RE EXACTLY RIGHT!
YES, YES!
A WARRIOR OF JUSTICE SLAYING A DEMON WOULD NOT FIGHT THAT WAY!
GETTING HIM DRUNK IS JUST COWARDLY!
BESIDES, YORIMITSU FOUGHT UNFAIRLY!
YEAH! WAIT, FATHER.
YOU SEE...
SO WHY DON'T WE CALL IT A NIGHT?
BUT IT SEEMS THAT SHUTENDOJI'S UNRELATED TO THE DEMONS WE WANT TO FOCUS ON...
HE WAS A NEW TEACHER ...
I MET A MAN WHO CLAIMS TO BE A DESCENDANT OF DEMONS.
TODAY...
HMM!? WHAT IS IT?

WAS A DEMON'S SHADOW!
HIS SHADOW ...
A DESCENDANT OF DEMONS ?
WHAT !?
AI EEEE E!

LICK!
LICK!
AHHH..
OOOOH..

SFX: SLURP! SLURP!
SFX: SCRATCH! SCRATCH!
SLURP!
SCRATCH!
SCRATCH!
SCRATCH!

SFX: WHOOSH!

HEHE-
HEHE...

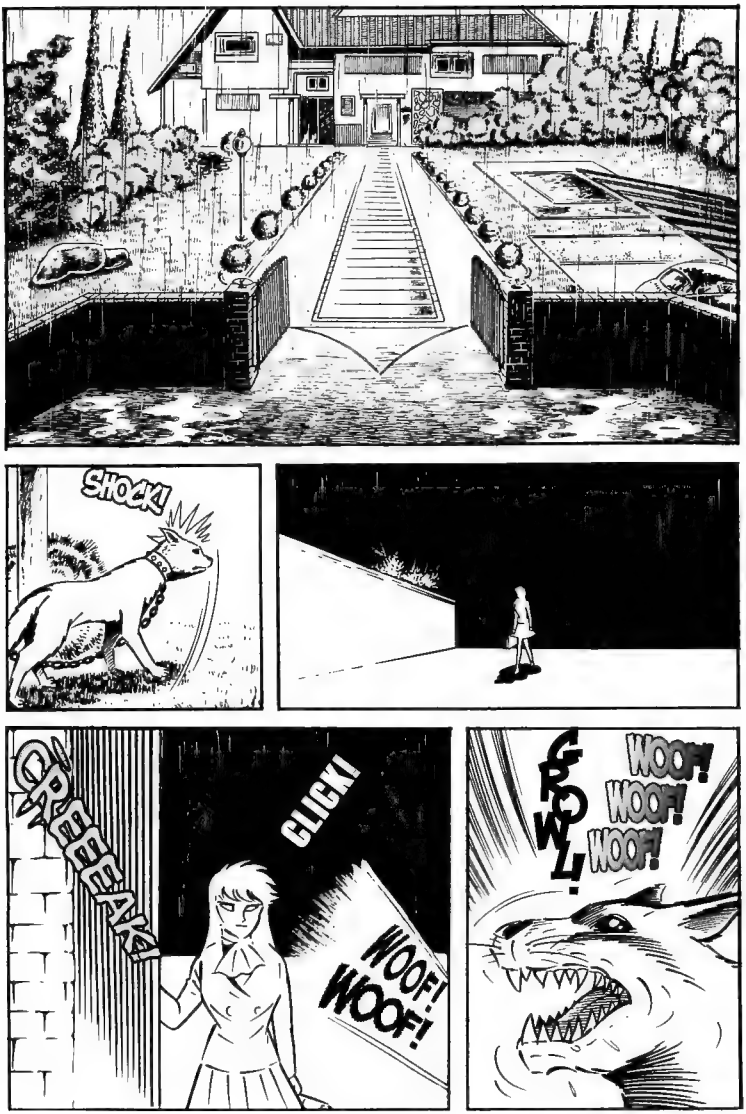
AHHAHHAHHAHA!
HAHAT
AHA
AHA!

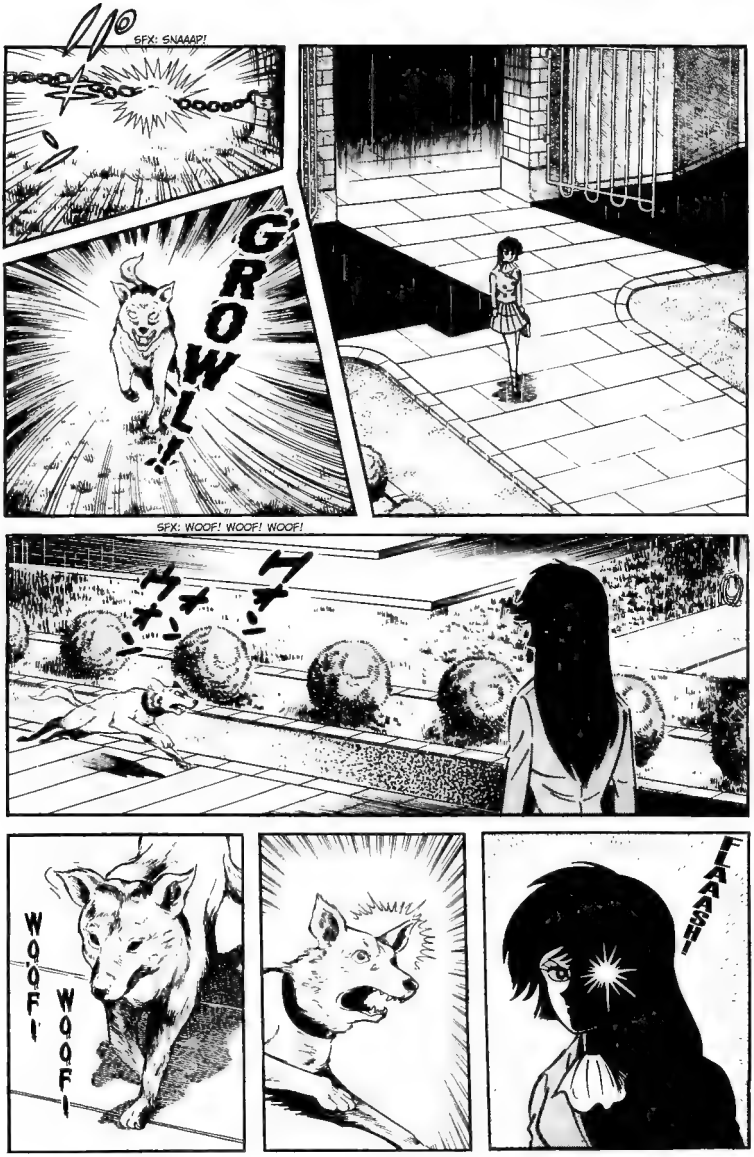
SNAP!
WHOOSH

WHOOOSH!

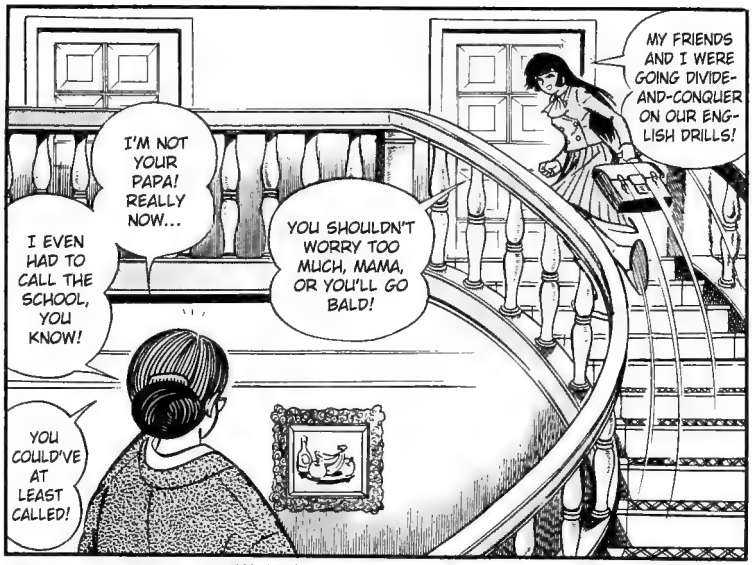
CRAAACK!
EEK!
HEHE-
HEHE...

HO HO HO HO HO HO!
HO HO HO HO HO!
THE TIME HAS COME FOR YOU TO GIVE ME YOUR LIVES AND FIGHT FOR ME!!

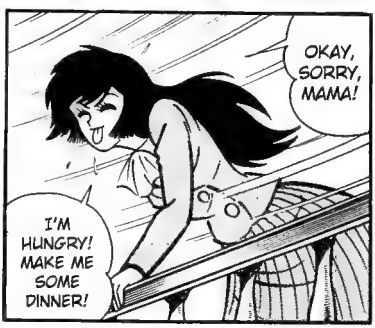

SHOCK!
CLICK!
WOOF! WOOF!
GRRR!
WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!


SFX: SNAAAP!
GROWL!!
SFX: WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!
クォーン
クォーン
クォーン
WOOF!
WOOF!
FLAASH!

I'M HOME!
HUH!? HUH!? YOUNG LADY!?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HOME SO LATE?
HUUUUUH!?
HEHE! HEHE!
MIYUKI! YOU WEREN'T AT A BOY'S HOUSE, WERE YOU?
NO, I WAS NOT!
SFX: THUD! THUD!
MISTRESS! MISTRESS!
SHE'S HOME!
OH, MY! WHAT HAPPENED?
I WAS OVER AT A FRIEND'S HOUSE.
SORRY...


MY FRIENDS AND I WERE GOING DIVIDE-AND-CONQUER ON OUR ENGLISH DRILLS!
I'M NOT YOUR PAPA! REALLY NOW...
YOU SHOULDN'T WORRY TOO MUCH, MAMA, OR YOU'LL GO BALD!
I EVEN HAD TO CALL THE SCHOOL, YOU KNOW!
YOU COULD'VE AT LEAST CALLED!

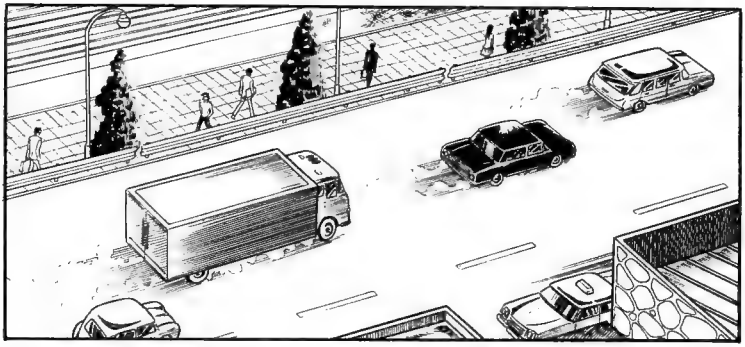
SFX. CLICK!

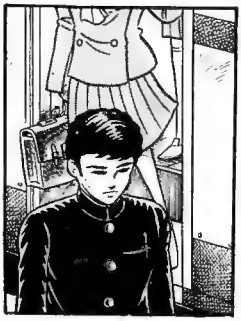

OKAY, SORRY, MAMA!
I'M HUNGRY! MAKE ME SOME DINNER!

SHE NEVER GROWS UP! HO-HOHOHO!
WHAT AM I EVER GOING TO DO WITH HER?

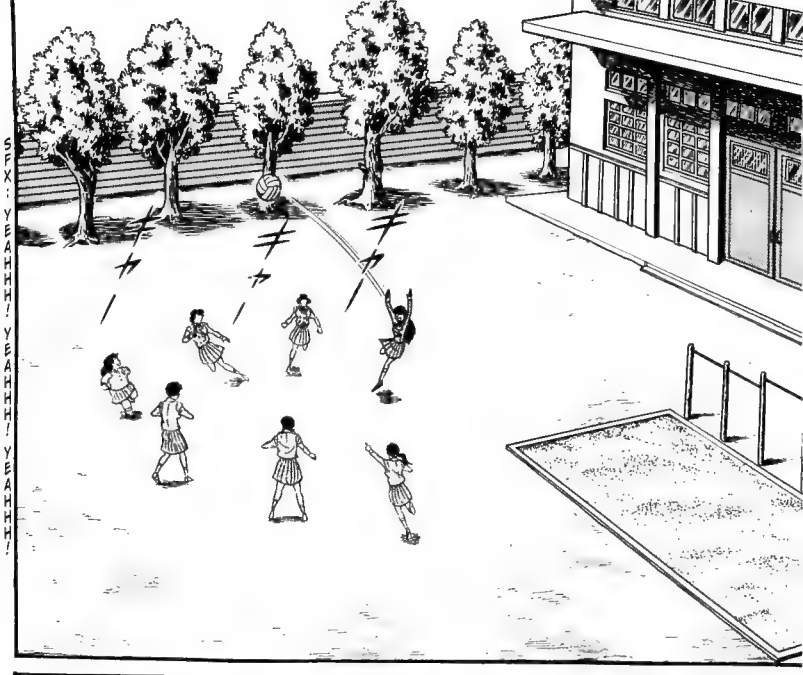
YOU'RE KIDDING...
HUH !?
HEY! YOU GOT A BOYFRIEND?
NO! I'M NOT A PLAYER LIKE YOU!
I MEAN IT!
CALL ME A LADY-KILLER!
NO!
OKAY, PLAYBOY!
YOU KNOW, YOU COULD AT LEAST CALL ME A MASHER ...
SFX: SLIDE! / THUD!
DAMMIT, YOU KNEW?
AHAHA! EVERYONE KNOWS!
SLAAAM!
RIGHT, BROTHER!?
BUT RUMOR HAS IT, YOU'VE NEVER BEEN SUCCESSFUL!

PHEW ...
HEHEHE ...
THIS SHU-TENDO JIRO BOY IN THIS MAIDEN'S HEART...
COULD HE BE THAT SAME BABE?
WE HAVE OUR INFOR-MATION NETS WOVEN THROUGH-OUT HISTORY! THERE IS NO WAY HE CAN SLIP OUR GRASP!
I SHALL EXPOSE YOU FOR WHO YOU ARE, SHU-TENDO JIRO...
AND I SHALL USE THE FORM OF THE MAIDEN WHO LONGS FOR YOU TO DO IT!





IT'S YOURS, SHIRATORI!
AHHH-HHH!
SMACK!
GOT IT!


SFX: YEAHHH! YEAHHH! YEAHHH!

KYA-HA-HA!
AHA-HAHA!

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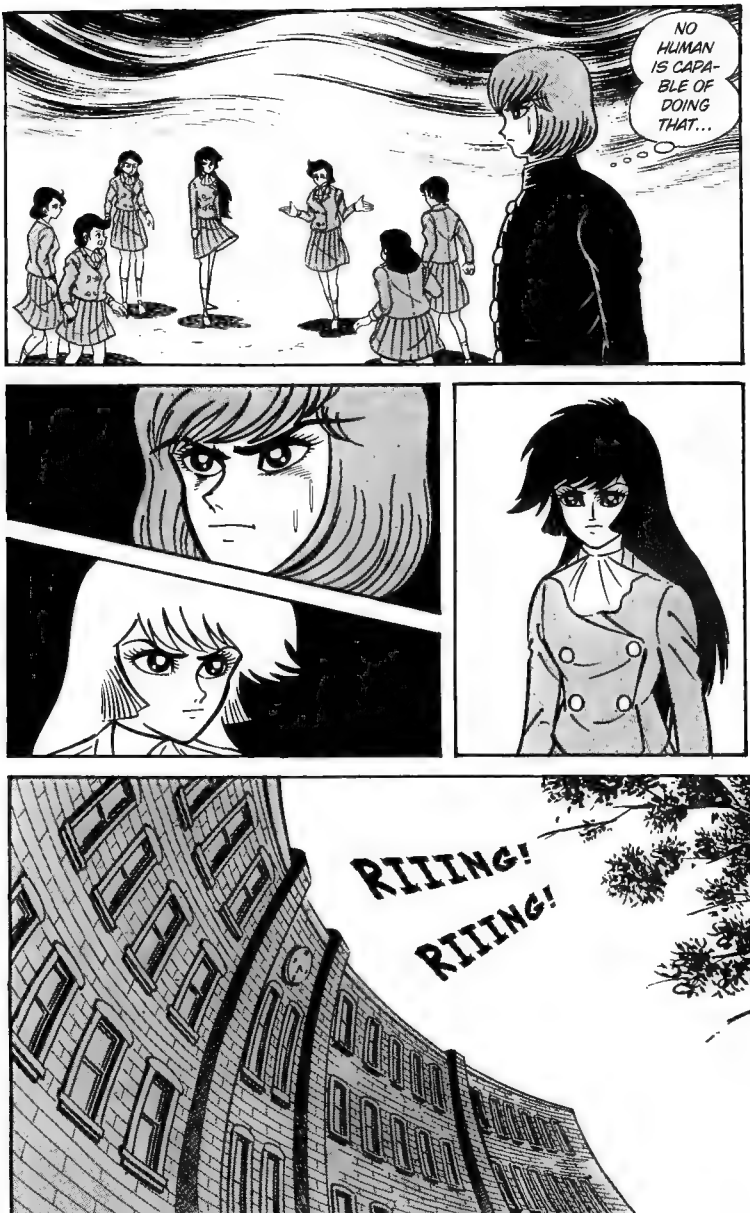
IT'S YOURS, SHIRA-TORI!
THERE HE IS!
SWOOOSHI

NO HUMAN COULD DODGE THIS!

AND IF IT HIT'S THEM ...
IT CAN EASILY BREAK A HUMAN'S RIBS !!
FWOOSH
FOOOM

SFX: SMAAASH!

WHERE DID YOU HIT IT, SHIRA-TORI?
HEY, WHERE'D THE BALL GO?
TURN!
TURN!
IT WAS LIKE A REALLY LOUD BANG!
HEY, WHAT WAS THAT SOUND?
IT VANISHED THE MOMENT SHIRATORI HIT IT...
DID SHE REALLY HIT THAT BALL...?
IT CAN'T BE!
...
...


NO HUMAN IS CAPABLE OF DOING THAT...
RIIING!
RIIING!

EXCUSE ME... DO YOU MIND IF WE CHANGE SEATS?
HUH!?
I'D LIKE TO SIT NEXT TO SHU-TENDO...
DO YOU MIND?
HUHH-HHH? BUT...
WE CAN'T JUST CHANGE SEATS, CAN WE?

I'LL MAKE AN EXCUSE FOR TEACHER...
I'VE JUST GOT A LOT TO TALK TO SHUTENDO ABOUT.
OHHH, PLEASE!
IF WE DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
TEACHER WILL SCOLD US,
SFX: TOTTER!
I SEE ...
OKAY !?
SFX: TOTTER! TOTTER!
I OWE YOU ONE! THANK YOU!
.....

WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THEM...?
WHISTLE! WHISTLE!
SHIRATORI! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU CLINGING TO HIM FOR?
IS THERE SOMETHING GOING ON BETWEEN YOU TWO !?

HEHE HE...
HEHE HE...
N... NEVER MIND...
. . . .
SFX: GULP!

IS YOUR HAND HURT...?
ARE YOU MAD AT ME...?
SORRY FOR HITTING YOU WITH THAT BALL, SHUTENDO.
DID I SCARE YOU?
TEE-HEE-HEE...
SHE SAW IT...
UH... NO...
BUT MY HAND MOVED TOO FAST FOR THE HUMAN EYE TO SEE...

WHO IS SHE!?
I ALWAYS THOUGHT SHE WAS JUST AN ORDINARY GIRL...

WHOOOOOOSH!

URK!

NO!! THEY ARE NO HUMAN EYES !!
HOW ARE HER EYES SHINING LIKE THIS!? WHY ARE THEY SO COLD!?
IT'S LIKE THEY'RE FREEZING ME RIGHT DOWN TO THE DEPTHS OF MY HEART!
BUT I'VE SEEN THEM BEFORE...
I'VE SEEN EYES JUST LIKE THESE...
BUT WHERE WAS IT?
AND WHEN WAS IT...?
I KNOW!
IT WAS LONG AGO... LONG, LONG AGO...
WHEN I WAS VERY, VERY YOUNG...

WAAAAAH!
WAAAAH!
WAA AAH!

SFX: CRAAACK! CRAAACK! CRAAACK!
SFX: FWOOOOOSH!

WAAHHHHH!!
WAAA

WOOOOOOSH
WAAAAAH!

WHOOOOSH!

SHOOSH!

SFX: AHHHH!

HUFF! HUFF!

THUD!
THUD!
THUD!
SFX: SKRAKKK! SKRAKKK!
SFX: BZZZT! BZZZT!

SKRAKK!
SKRAKK!
SKRAKK!

SFX: SLAAASH!
SFX: STAB!
SFX: WHOOOOOSH!

ROOOOARRRRRR!

SFX. FWOOOOOOOSH!
HEHEHE...

WHOOOOOOSH
HEEHEEHEE...
KWEH!
KWEH!
KWEH!

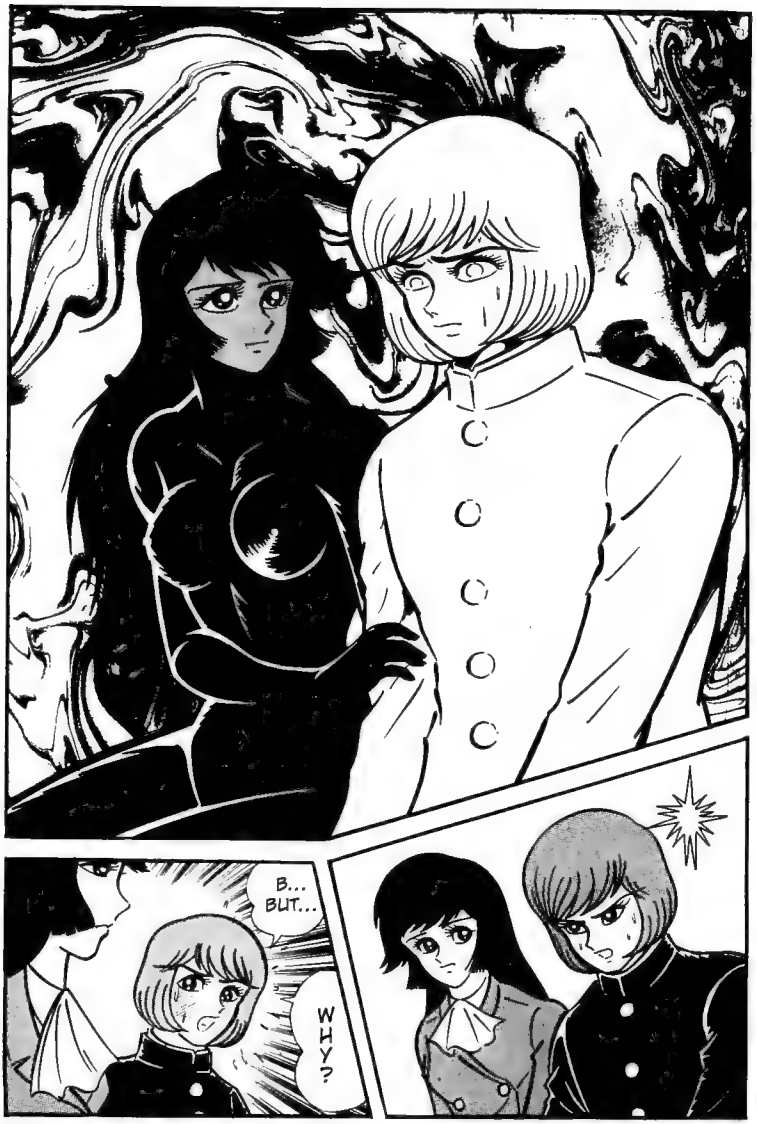
!
THAT'S IT!
A DEMON!
THOSE ARE DEMON'S EYES!!

CAN THE BEAUTIFUL SHIRATORI BE A DEMON?
CAN'T BE!
IT'S NOT TRUE!
DEMON !?
DEMON !?
DEMON !?
NO!
BUT...
IF THAT'S TRUE...
THAT CAN'T BE TRUE!
IT'S JUST MY IMAGINA-TION!

I HAVE TO FIND OUT FOR SURE...
THEN I'M IN DANGER ...
I'M SORRY, SHU-TENDO.
TEE-HEE-HEE!
OH... UH...
TEE-HEE!
WHAT'S THE MATTER? WHY THE LONG FACE?

BUT REMEMBER THE TIME YOU SAVED ME ON THE BUS...?
WAS THAT SHAMELESS OF ME?
I JUST TOOK THE SEAT BESIDE YOU WITHOUT ASKING YOU...
I'M SORRY. I'M ALWAYS CAUSING EVERYONE PROBLEMS.
IT'S ALRIGHT, REALLY ...
UH... NO...
THAT MADE ME... SO HAPPY...
I WANTED TO THANK YOU...
YOU REMEMBER THOSE GUYS? THEY'RE CALLED THE LIFE-BOUND.
THEY'RE A REALLY EVIL GROUP...
THEY SAY THERE'S NO SAVING YOU ONCE THEY SET THEIR SIGHTS ON YOU...
I'M SCARED.
BESIDES ...

HORRIBLE THINGS TO WOMEN...
THEY DO AWFUL THINGS TO YOU...
NO SAVING YOU?
...
THEY'RE INCREDIBLY TENACIOUS PEOPLE...
AND THEIR GROUP'S A LARGE ONE, TOO.
THEY'VE ASSAULTED COUNTLESS GIRLS IN THE PAST...
BUT THEY ALL ACCEPTED IT MEEKLY.
THAT'S WHY IT'S NEVER COME TO LIGHT....


B... BUT...
WHY?

BUT THERE'S SOME DREADFUL POWER SUP-PORTING THEM.
AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT THEY SAY.
WELL ...
I DON'T REALLY KNOW MYSELF ...
WHY HAVE THEY GONE UNPUNISHED?
WHY?
DREAD-FUL POWER ...?
EVERY-ONE'S SO AFRAID OF THAT GROUP...
BUT THERE'S NO ONE TO HELP ME...
I'M SO SCARED TO COME TO SCHOOL...

WILL YOU HELP ME...?
PLEASE !
I DON'T HAVE ANYONE ELSE I CAN COUNT ON!
I KNOW I'M BRINGING TROUBLE YOUR WAY...
BUT ...

NO...
SHE'S NO DEMON...
SHE'S NO MORE THAN A YOUNG GIRL AFRAID OF SOME DELINQUENTS...
I MUST BE TIRED... I'VE BEEN THINKING TOO MUCH ABOUT DEMONS.
WHY DID I THINK SHE MIGHT BE A DEMON...?
I'M SORRY ...
I'M SORRY. IT'S ALRIGHT NOW...
EVEN THOUGH I KNEW HOW MUCH TROUBLE IT WOULD CAUSE YOU...
I CAN'T BELIEVE I BROUGHT YOU THAT UNREASONABLE REQUEST OUT OF THE BLUE...

HUH!?
I NEVER SAID I WOULDN'T HELP YOU.
NO, WAIT!
EXCUSE ME.
OH... OF COURSE YOU WILL!
BUT DO YOU THINK I'LL BE ANY HELP?
R-REALLY?
THAT'S WHY I USED THAT BALL TO TEST YOU...
HUH!?
I KNOW THAT YOU'RE STRONG!
I BELIEVE IN YOU!

WILL-POWER !?
THE MINUTE I HIT IT, I MULTIPLIED ITS SPEED WITH MY WILL-POWER...
THAT WASN'T ANY ORDI-NARY BALL, YOU KNOW.
DIDN'T THE BALL RUPTURE THE MINUTE BEFORE IT TOUCHED YOUR HAND!?
AND YOU LIVED UP TO MY EX-PECTA-TIONS.
THAT'S HOW I KNOW THAT YOU'RE NOT AN ORDINARY MAN.
YOU SEE, I'M AN ESPER, JUST LIKE CROISET OR PETER HURKOS.
MEANING YOU SET UP A WALL OF WILLPOWER IN FRONT OF YOUR HAND!

I DON'T THINK I HAVE POWER LIKE THAT...
ME?
WILL-POW-ER?
YOU'RE KID-DING...
BUT...
IT CAN'T BE!
OR DOES HE REALLY NOT KNOW OF HIS SU-PERNATURAL POWERS...?
BUT WHY WOULD HE PLAY DUMB IN SUCH A DULL WAY?
IS HE JUST PLAYING DUMB?
MY WILL-POWER DRAINS ME EVERY TIME I USE IT...
YOU'RE KID-DING!
HUHH-HHH!?
BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO FEAR THEM WHEN YOU HAVE SUCH POWERS, RIGHT?
SFX: TMP!
SWOOOSH!
AH!
SEE ...?

HMM ...
BUT THAT'S AN AMAZING POWER. I'M IM-PRESSED ...
THAT'S THE BEST I CAN DO TODAY.
I CAN'T STAND UP TO THEM...
PHEW ...
HAH-HAHHA! OH, REALLY ?
IT DOESN'T ACTUALLY DO ANY-THING TO HELP.
NO, IT'S NOT, REALLY.
JUST WALK ME HOME FROM SCHOOL...
THAT'LL PUT ME AT EASE.
WHAT AM I SUP-POSED TO DO?
IT'S EASY.
OKAY, I GOT IT. I'LL HELP YOU OUT.
THAT REAL-LY MAKES ME HAPPY! YOU'RE LIKE MY VERY OWN BODY-GUARD! TEE-HEEHEE!
ALRIGHT! THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO, THEN.

HEHEHEHE... I'LL TAKE MY TIME AND FIGURE OUT WHO HE IS... AND IF HE IS THE BABE, I'LL KILL HIM MYSELF!
I HAVE TO FIND OUT ABOUT HIS POWERS...
AND ONLY FIGHT HIM WHEN I KNOW HOW MUCH POWER HE HAS!
SHUTENDO JIRO, ONCE I AM ASSURED IN MY VICTORY OVER YOU, YOUR LIFE WILL BE GONE!

SFX: CHATTER! CHATTER! / YEAHHH! / MUTTER! MUTTER!
MISS SHIRATORI, CAN I ASK YOU TO COME TO THE TEACHER'S OFFICE?
AND THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY.
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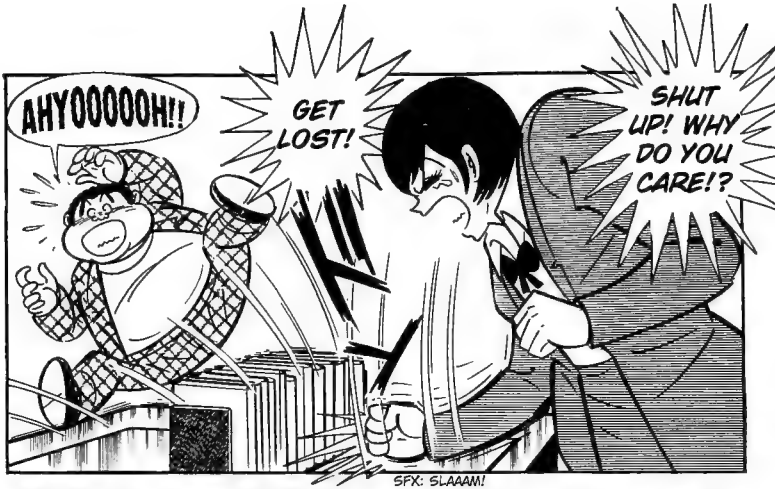
OKAY!
SORRY, SHUTENDO. MIND WAITING FOR ME?
YEAH, THAT'S FINE.
ALRIGHT! LET'S GO HOME!
WHAT DO YOU NEED, MS. TANEMURA?
MISS SHIRATORI, WHY DID YOU CHANGE SEATS?
THAT WASN'T LIKE YOU AT ALL.
TOMORROW, I WANT YOU BACK IN YOUR ASSIGNED SEAT.

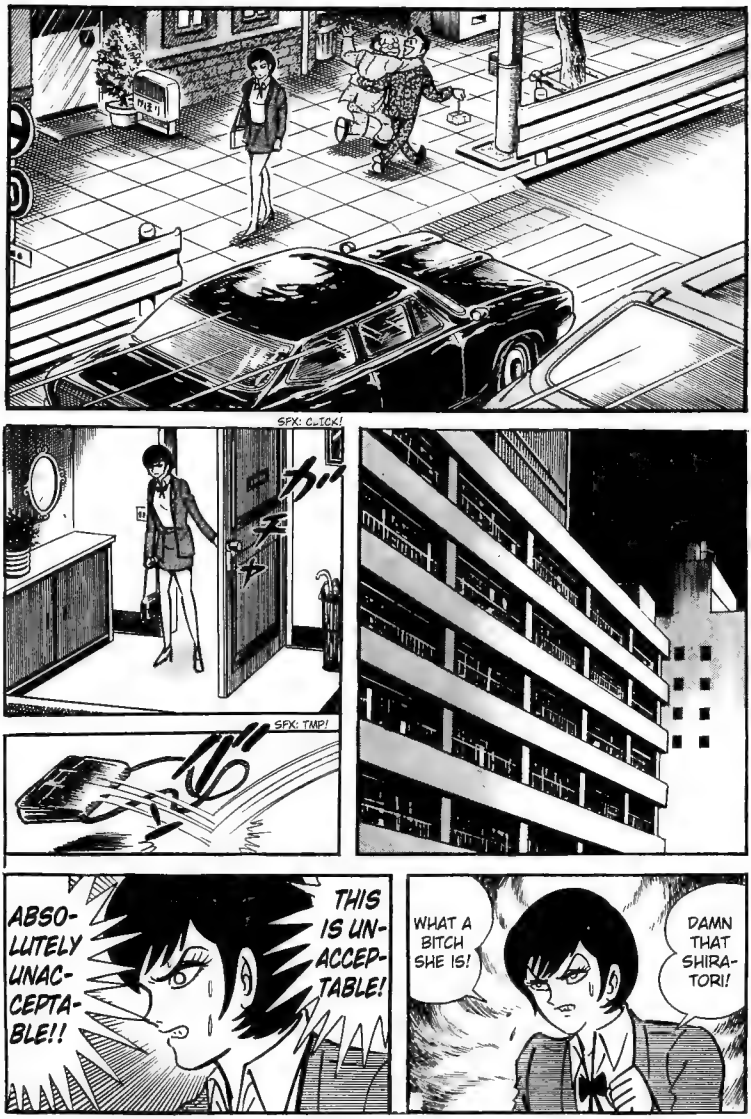
I CAN'T PERMIT THIS!
HOW COULD YOU BE SO SELFISH!?
NO! I ALREADY DECIDED I WANT TO SIT NEXT TO SHUTENDO...
WE'RE NOT IN GRADE SCHOOL ANY-MORE! CAN'T I SIT WHEREVER I WANT?
!
THIS IS JUST STUPID!
HMPH!
A... ALSO...
DON'T PANIC JUST CAUSE I SAW RIGHT THROUGH YOU...
HA HA HA HA!
H... HOW COULD YOU...
!
YOU DID NOTHING BUT TALK TO SHU-TENDO, INSTEAD OF LISTENING TO THE LESSON!
EXPLAIN YOUR AT-TITUDE DURING CLASS TODAY!
W...
WHAT DID YOU SAY!?
I'LL BET THAT YOU ARE...
WHAT? ARE YOU JEALOUS OR SOMETHING?

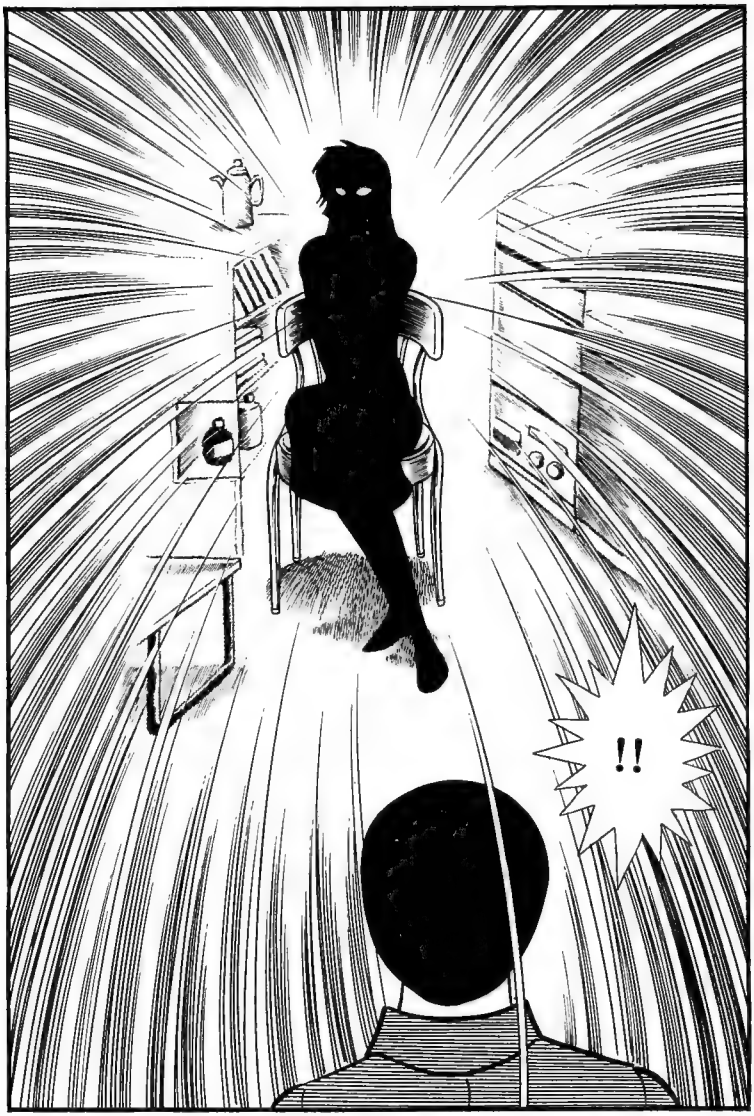
H... HOW COULD YOU SAY SUCH A THING!
BUT DON'T YOU DARE PUT THE MOVES ON YOUR OWN STUDENT!
HE'S PRETTY CUTE, ISN'T HE?
CONSIDERING YOUR DRY SPELL, YOU SHOULDN'T BE TOO GREEDY.
HAA AAH HAH HA!
A SOW LIKE YOU DESERVES NO MORE THAN A STRAY DOG!
GO CHASE A STRAY DOG'S ASS, AND DROOL WHILE YOU DO IT!
AHHAHHAHAHA!
M... MISS SHIRATORI!
HAH HAH HA HA
SFX: CLATTER!

SFX: FREEZE!
.....
SFX: CLATTER!
MY, OH, MY.
SURE IS DRAINING, DEALING WITH YOUNG ENERGY ALL DAY. HAH-HAHHA!
DID YOU PISS YOUR-SELF OR SOMETHING? AHAHAHAHA!
WAHA-HAHA!
HUH? WHAT'S THE MATTER, MS. TANEMURA?
YOU SEEM STIFF.



SFX: SLAAAM!


SFX: CLICK!
SFX: TMP!
ABSO-LUTELY UNAC-CEPTA-BLE!!
THIS IS UN-ACCEP-TABLE!
WHAT A BITCH SHE IS!
DAMN THAT SHIRA-TORI!



MISS SHIRA-TORI!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
AND SO WHAT IF IT IS UNAC-CEPTABLE?
HO HO HOHO HO!
HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE!?
WASN'T THE DOOR LOCKED?
HEHEHE... I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU, MS. TANEMURA.
I CAN USE YOU.
YOU ARE IN LOVE WITH SHU-TENDO!
THERE IS NO ONE EASIER TO MANIPU-LATE THAN A HUMAN WHOSE HEART HAS BEEN TAKEN BY ANOTHER!

HUH !?
SHRIIIEEEEEKKKKKK
SLITHER!

SFX: SPLAT!
AIIIIIEEEEEEEEEEE!!
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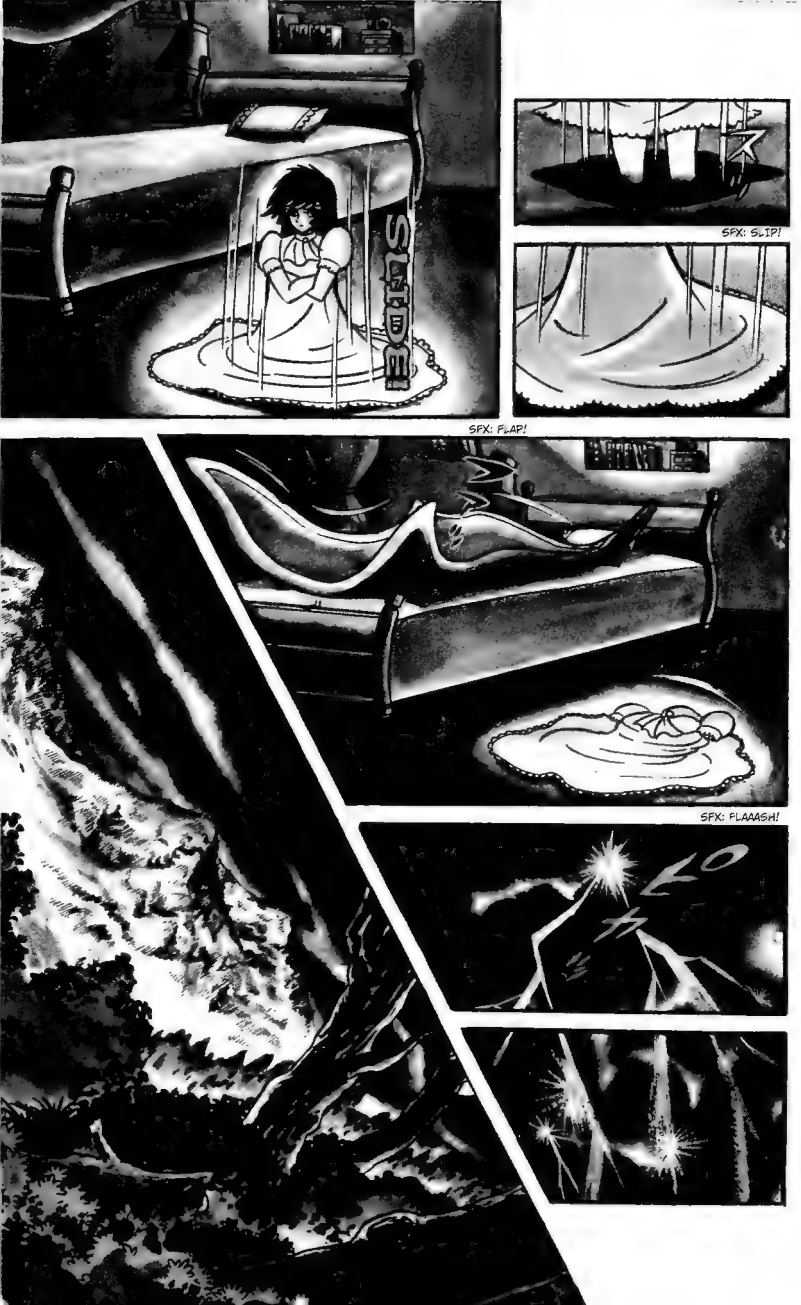
HEHEHE ...
THAT IS A PART OF MY BODY! IT WILL ENTER YOUR BODY AND MANIPULATE YOU!
AIEEEEEEE!
SWOOOSH!
WHAT EXACTLY IS THIS!?
W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

SFX: FLAP!

SFX: OPEN!


SLIDE!
SFX: SLIP!
SFX: FLAP!
SFX: FLAAASH!

SFX: SPARKLE! SPARKLE! SPARKLE! SPARKLE!
SFX: RUSTLE! / STEP! STEP!
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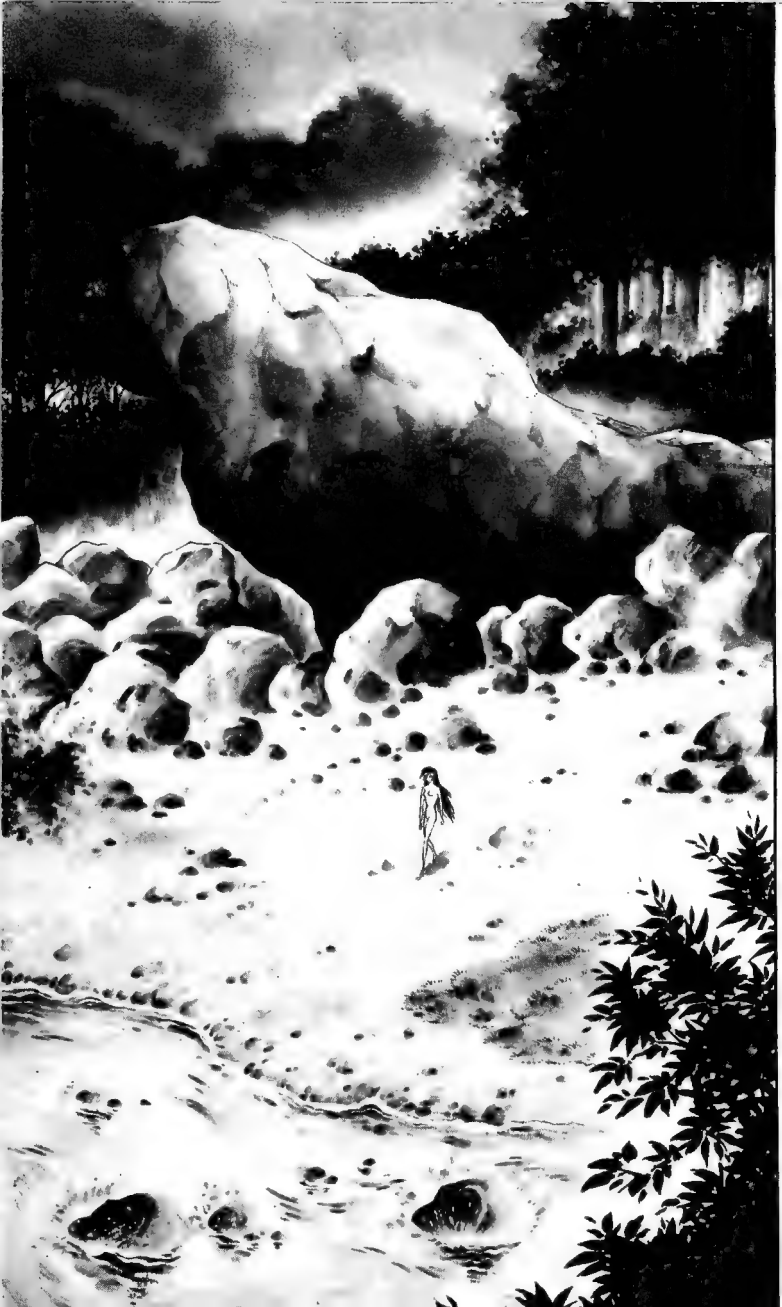
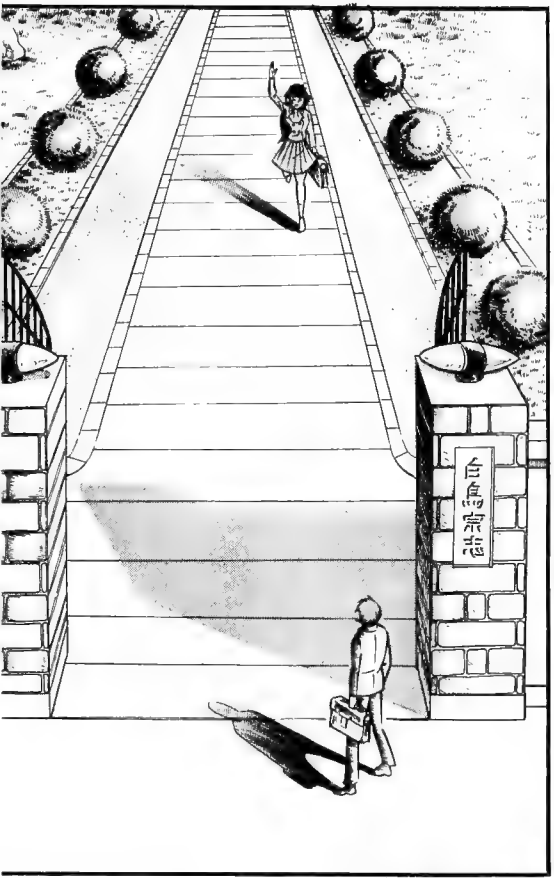


HEAR ME, PITIFUL ONES!
I AM THE DEVIL OF THE UNIVERSE !!
THOU WHO HAVE BEEN CAST OUT BY GOD FOR THY PITIFUL AP-PEARANCE...
FOR THY UNSIGHTLY SIGHTS... AND FOR THY HEARTS OF EVIL!
THOU SINISTER SNAKES WHOM THE HUMAN WORLD HATH FORGOTTEN...
AND WHO HAVE VANISHED INTO LEGEND!
THY CASKET OF DARK-NESS HAS BEEN PURGED ONCE MORE!!
RISE FORTH FROM THE GATES OF HELL!

RUMBLE!
RUMBLE!
RUMBLE!
RUMBLE!
CRUMBLE! CRUMBLE! CRUMBLE!
HHH!!
SFX.: RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! / BOOOM! BOOOM! / KA-BOOOOOM!
SFX.: CRAAACK! CRAAACK! CRAAACK! SNAAAP!

KA-BOOOOOOM!
CRUNCH



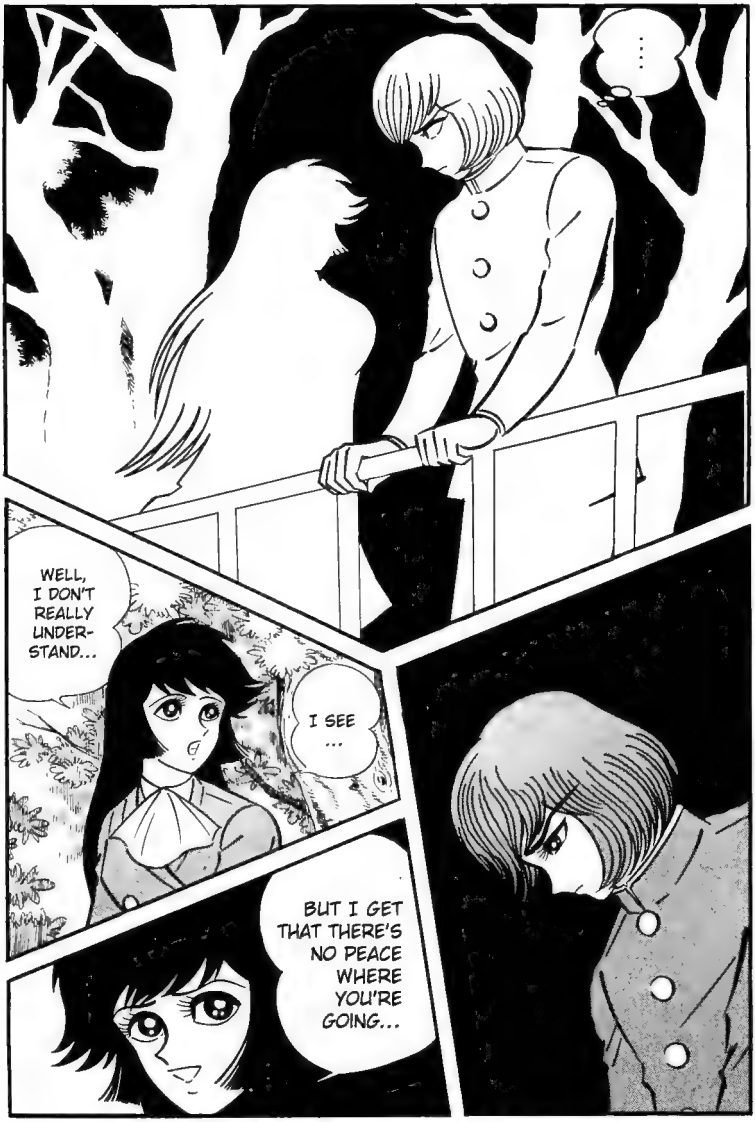
SIGN: SHIRATORI RESIDENCE

FORCE OF HABIT, I GUESS.
OH, REALLY ?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, JIRO? THAT'S THE WRONG WAY...
HUH ?
I WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO CHANGE YOUR ROUTINE ON MY ACCOUNT.
WELL, WHY DON'T WE STOP THERE?
HMM ...
I ALWAYS STOP BY THE PARK ON MY WAY HOME...
I ALWAYS LOOK OUT AT THE CITY FROM HERE...

HMM? IT'S NOT REALLY THAT PRETTY, THOUGH.
YEAH, BUT...
IT'S A CITY I MAY END UP HAVING TO LEAVE SOON...
HUH !?
LEAVE ...?
YOU'RE SAYING YOU'RE LEAVING THE CITY?
ARE YOU MOVING ?
HMM ...
YEAH, I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT ...
....

I DON'T WANT TO FORGET MY TIME IN THIS CITY...
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TOLD... SO...
I CAN ONLY LIVE IN THIS CITY UNTIL THE SUMMER OF MY SIXTEENTH YEAR..
SO EVEN IF I HAVE TO GO SOME-WHERE ...
IT MAY NOT BE THE PRET-TIEST CITY OUT THERE.
IT'S A CITY WHERE SMALL SOR-ROWS... SMALL SUF-FERING...
IT'S MESSED UP, AND THE SKY'S POLLUTED WITH SMOG.
SMALL LOVE... AND SMALL HAPPI-NESS ALL LIVE TOGETHER...
IT'S ALSO GOT A LOT OF LITTLE EVILS IN IT...
SO I CAN'T SAY IT'S A GOOD CITY...

!!
BUT ...
IT'S AT PEACE!
HUH!? BUT THAT'S... THE SAME ALL OVER JAPAN...
I SEE ...
YOU MAY BE GOING SOMEWHERE THAT'S NOT IN JAPAN?
MAYBE OVER-SEAS?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WELL, I DON'T REALLY UNDER-STAND...
I SEE ...
BUT I GET THAT THERE'S NO PEACE WHERE YOU'RE GOING...

WHERE NOT EVEN LITTLE LOVES OR HAPPINESS SURVIVE!
YES! THERE IS NO PEACE!
ALL THERE IS, IS A WORLD OF TUR-MOIL...

IT'S HIM !!
I FOUND HIM !!
IT'S THE BABE I LET ES-CAPE!!
NOW I'LL KILL HIM ...
WITH MY OWN HANDS !!

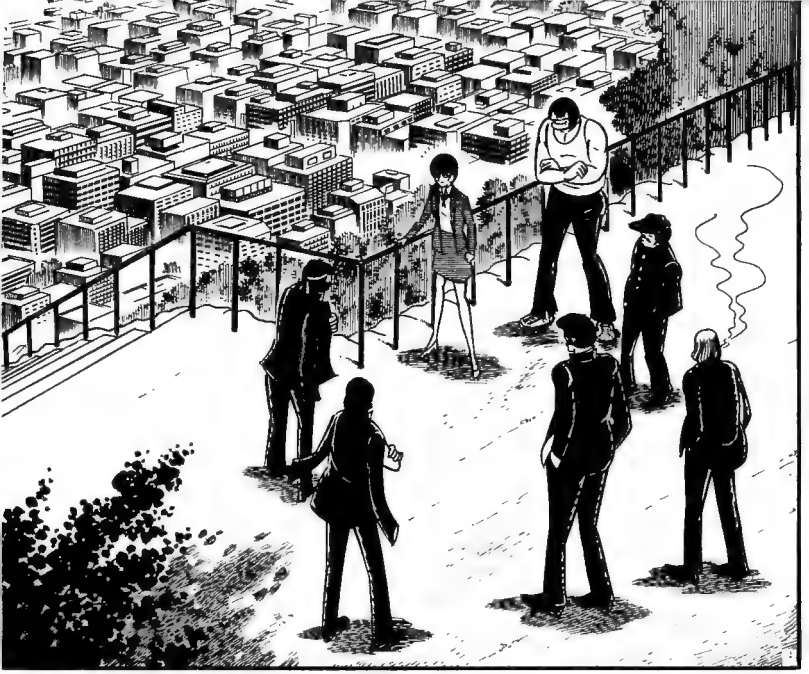
DO I KILL HIM!?
RIGHT HERE AND NOW!?
WAIT !!
WAIT, WAIT...
DON'T PANIC...
I HAVE TO BE CALM...
FAILURE IS NOT ACCEPT-ABLE...
THE WHOLE DEMON RACE'S EXISTENCE DEPENDS ON THIS BOY...
I HAVE TO PROCEED WITH EXTREME CAUTION...

AND WAIT UNTIL I HAVE CONFIRMED SHUTENDO JIRO'S POWERS!
I HAVE TO STICK TO THE PLAN...
GET GOING NOW ...?
WHY DON'T WE...
BUT THAT IS FOR THE BEST...
I DON'T EXPECT THAT THIS BOY HAS POWERS EXCEEDING THAT OF A DEMON'S...
SURE THING ...
HUH!?

IT DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU...
SORRY I DRAGGED YOU INTO THAT POINTLESS CONVERSATION.
NO, IT'S ALL RIGHT ...
DON'T WANT YOUR FOLKS TO WORRY ABOUT YOU...
WE SHOULDN'T BE HOME TOO LATE...
RIGHT ...
I DIDN'T MEAN TO TELL ANYONE ABOUT IT...
BUT THAT'S STRANGE.

BUT I JUST FELT I COULD TELL YOU...
TEE-HEE-HEE-HEE!
AM I THAT EASY TO OPEN UP TO?
HUH?
BUT I FEEL LIKE YOU'RE DIFFERENT FROM OTHER GIRLS...
I DON'T KNOW.
OH, PLEASE!
DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A WEIRDO!
ISN'T THAT MS. TANEMURA?

HMM !?
MS. TANEMURA!
YOU'RE RIGHT! IT IS!



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WHAT!?
JIRO! THAT'S THE LIFE-BOUND!
EHHHH, NEVER MIND THAT! WE JUST WANT YOU TO COME WITH US FOR A BIT!
WHO ARE YOU!? WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME!?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
HUH!? WHAT...
HEHEHE... C'MON, MISS BEAUTIFUL...
WHY DON'T YOU COME WITH US FOR A BIT?
IT'LL BE FUN! LET'S GET GOING!
WE JUST WANT TO BECOME REALLY GOOD FRIENDS.
WE WON'T TREAT YOU BAD...

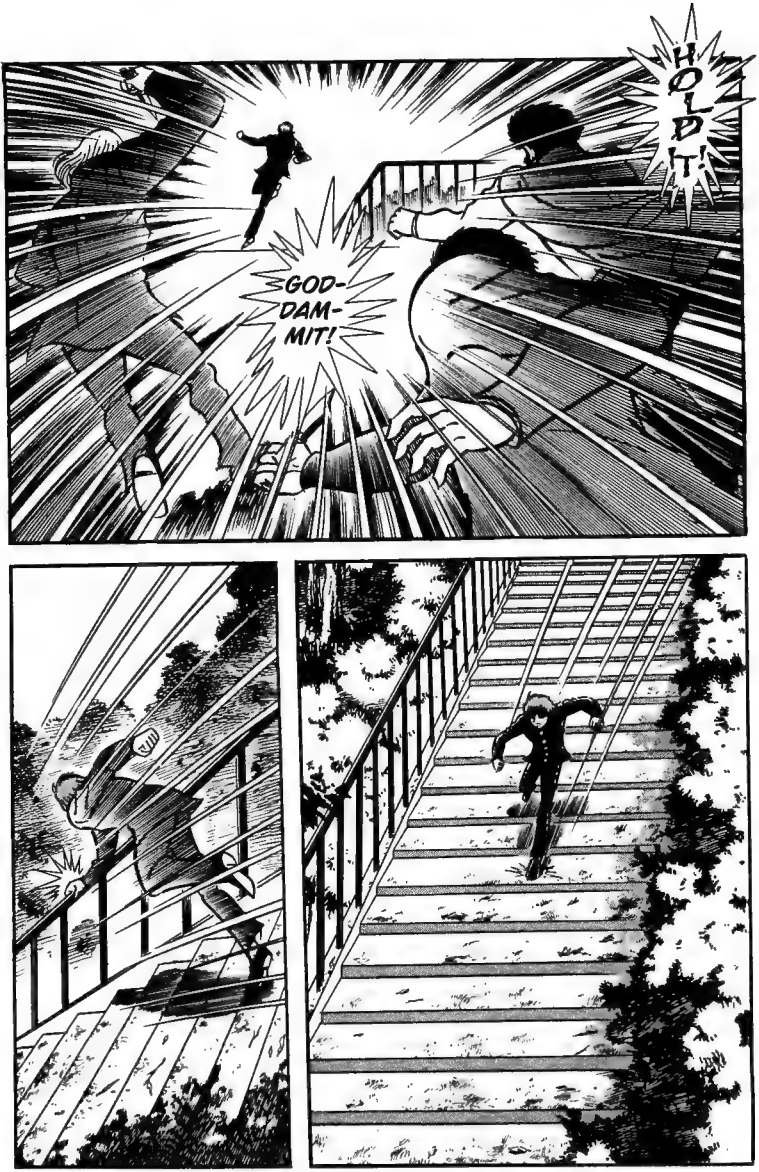
SHIRATORI! HOLD MY BAG!
AH! JIRO!
HEY, WAIT!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
SFX. DAAASH!.
SHIT! HE SAW US!
YOU GUYS HURRY AND STUFF THAT CUNT IN THE CAR!

HOLD IT!
YOU'RE NOT GETTING PAST US, FAGGOT!
WHERE THE FUCK DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
!

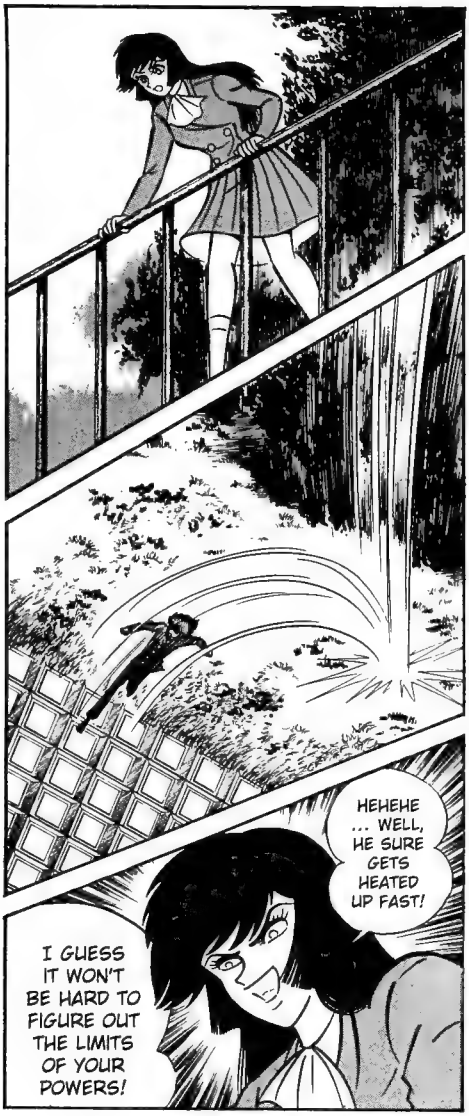
WHY DON'T YOU SPARE YOURSELF THE PAIN?
YOU DON'T WANNA GET FUCKED UP, DO YOU?
WHY DON'T YOU JUST RUN ALONG, KID?
WE USUALLY MAKE SURE OUR WITNESSES NEVER TALK AGAIN...
IF YOU'LL FORGET YOU SAW A FUCKIN' THING. DEAL?
WE'LL LET YOUR ASS GO...
YOU'RE ONE THICK-ASS KID.
WE'RE JUST HAVING SOME FUN. IT'S NOTHING, REALLY.
MOUU!

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH MS. TANEMURA?
WE JUST WANT TO GO JOIN IN THE FUN.
IT'S NOTHING YOU NEED TO WORRY ABOUT. GOT THAT, FAGGOT?
WHAT ELSE WOULD WE DO WITH HER? HEHHEHHE...
SHE'S SUCH A YOUNG AND PRETTY TEACHER.
SHIT!
YOUR ASS SHOULD KNOW. YOU'RE NOT A FUCKIN' KID ANYMORE.
WE DON'T MIND SHARING THAT FINE ASS WITH YOU...
IF YOU'RE WILLING TO JOIN THE LIFE-BOUND...
MOVE IT!!

CRAAACK!


HOLD IT!
GOD-DAM-MIT!

AH!


HEHEHE ... WELL, HE SURE GETS HEATED UP FAST!
I GUESS IT WON'T BE HARD TO FIGURE OUT THE LIMITS OF YOUR POWERS!

SFX: VROOOOOM!
SFX: BAM!
ウォウ!!
DAMN!
DON'T WORRY. I KNOW WHERE THEY'RE GOING.

REMEMBER, I SAID I'M NOT AN ORDINARY HUMAN?
I JUMPED DOWN, JUST LIKE YOU DID.
.....
WHEN... DID YOU GET HERE...?
LET'S GO!
BUT WE HAVE TO HURRY! OUR TEACHER'S IN DANGER!
THEIR HANGOUT IS IN THE OLD DILAPIDATED SCHOOL BUILDING!
IT'S THE SCHOOL!
YOU SAID YOU KNOW WHERE THEY'RE GOING, RIGHT?

YOU'RE JUST ABOUT THE ONLY ONE WHO DOESN'T!
OH, EVERY STUDENT AROUND HERE KNOWS THAT!
IS THAT ONE OF YOUR ESPER POWERS?
I'M IMPRESSED YOU KNOW THAT.
!?

IS THERE DANGER NEARBY!?
MY SHADOW TURNED BACK INTO A DEMON'S!
SFX: VROOOOOM! / CLATTER!
IN THE PAST ...
I HAD BRUSHES WITH DANGER ALL THE TIME!!

AND... EVERY TIME DANGER APPROACHED ME...
MY SHADOW WOULD TURN INTO A DEMON'S !

AND I WOULD ALWAYS COME OUT OF IT UN-HARMED!
IT WOULD ALWAYS BE DEFLECTED THE MOMENT BEFORE IT HIT ME!
IT'S AS IF THERE WAS AN INVISIBLE WALL AROUND MY BODY...

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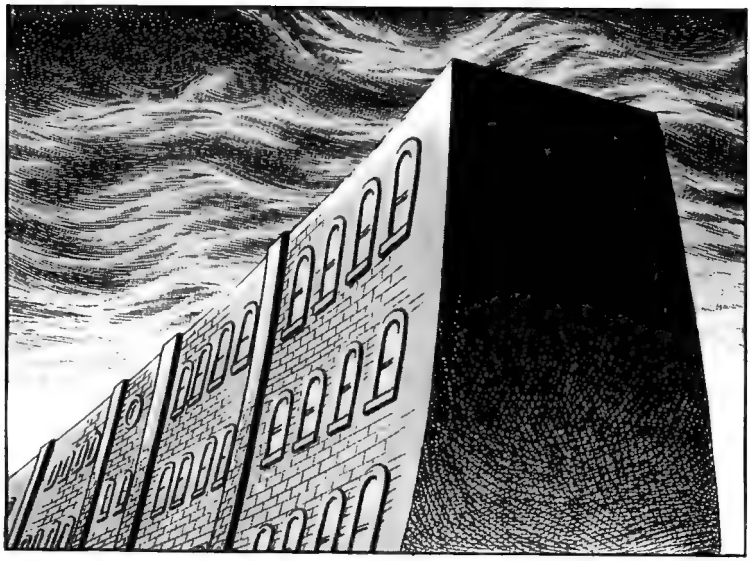
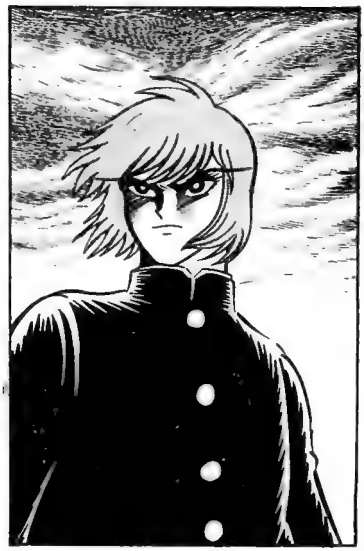
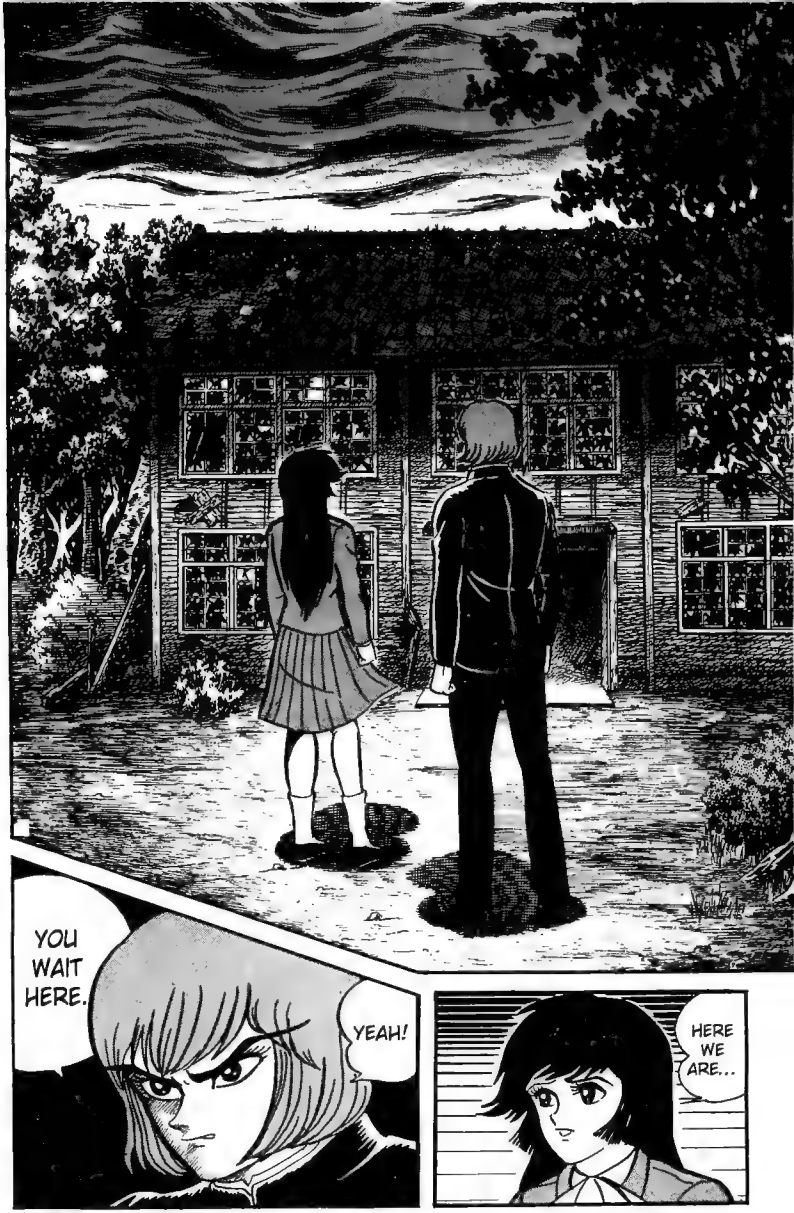
MY DEMON SHADOW ONLY SHOWS UP WHEN MY LIFE IS IN DANGER...
BUT WHY WOULD MY DEMON SHADOW SHOW UP IN A MERE FIGHT WITH SOME DELINQUENTS?
WHAT COULD BE PUTTING MY LIFE IN DANGER...?
ARE THE LIFE-BOUND SUCH A TERRIBLE FOE...?
OR IS THERE SOME OTHER ENEMY?






YOU WAIT HERE.
YEAH!
HERE WE ARE...

JIRO...
BE CARE-FUL...
SFX. STEP! STEP!
HEHEHE-HEHE... SHUTENDO JIRO...
THIS IS WHERE YOU WILL DIE!!
GGH-GGH-GGH-GRRRRRRRRRR...

WHAT BESIDES THOSE DELINQUENTS COULD BE PUTTING MY LIFE IN DANGER?
NOW WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BE IN HERE?
DAAASH!

HEHE HE...
SHE'S ON THE SECOND FLOOR.
GO AHEAD, GO ON UP!
SO YOU'RE HERE, SHU-TENDO.
LOOKING FOR SOME-THING?
AIIIEEEEEEEEE!!
. . . .

SFX: STEP! STEP!
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SFX: DAAASH! DAAASH!
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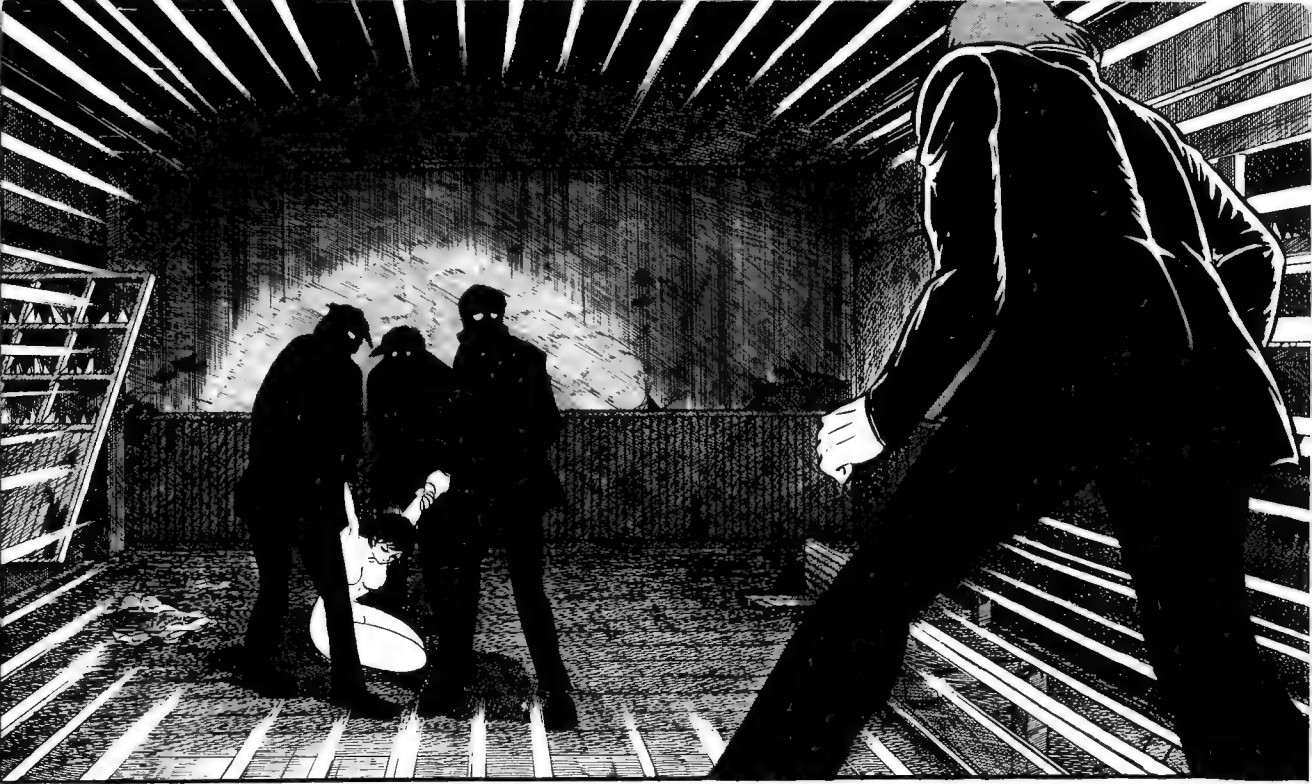
SFX: DAAASH!



WELL, IF IT ISN'T THE FUCKIN' KID... YOU WANNA JOIN IN OUR LIL' RITUAL?
WHAT THE HELL...
ARE YOU DOING TO MY TEACHER?
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, ASS-HOLES!!

WHY DOESN'T SHE TEACH CLASS LIKE THIS NOW...?
OHHH, SO THIS CUNT IS YOUR TEACHER, HUH? HEHEHEHE... WELL, ISN'T THIS A FUCKIN' SIGHT?
GRAB!
WHY DON'T YOU SHOW US A LITTLE SAMPLE, TEACH?
I MIGHT JUST PAY ATTENTION IN CLASS FOR ONCE...
HEHEHE... THAT'S A GOOD IDEA...
YEAH, I WOULD, TOO! WE USUALLY HATE STUDYING, BUT WE'D TOTALLY TAKE THAT CLASS!
A SAMPLE OF YOUR STRIPPING CLASS!

I WON'T LET YOU HU-MILIATE MY TEACHER LIKE THIS ANY LONGER!
STOOOOOP!!

AS A FUCKIN' CHAL-LENGE TO THE LIFE-BOUND!
HEHE-HE... WE'LL TAKE THAT...
YOUR FAGGOT ASS'LL END UP DEAD IF YOU THINK THE LIFE-BOUND ARE AN ORDINARY DELINQUENT GROUP...
!
YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, BITCH ...?

WELL, DO YOU?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT WE WERE GOING TO DO WITH THIS CUNT?
SO WHAT IF YOU'RE NOT AN ORDINARY DELINQUENT GROUP?
I DON'T WANT TO KNOW, EITHER!
I WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO WITH HER!
MUR-DER HER ASS!
HEHEHE... THEN I'LL TELL YOU.
THE THING WE'RE GOING TO DO WITH THIS CUNT IS...
WHAT!?

SFX: DAAASH! DAAASH!

DO YOU UNDERSTAND, FAGGOT? WE WILL TRANSCEND OUR HUMANITY AND QUIT BEING FRAIL HUMANS!
THE BLOOD-BOUND ARE SEEKING SUPERHUMAN-HOOD.
TO TRAN-SCEND OUR HU-MANITY!

WE ARE BREAKING THE RULES OF THE HUMAN WORLD!
THAT IS WHY WE HAVE COMMITTED SIN AFTER SIN.
WE WILL BECOME EVEN GREATER THAN HUMANS BY SHRUGGING OFF HUMAN RULES!
BUT WE HAVE YET TO TRANSCEND HUMANITY...
SO WE MADE UP OUR MINDS...
TO COMMIT THE WORST SIN KNOWN TO MAN!
WE WILL LOSE OUR HUMANITY THROUGH MURDER..
AND BECOME EVEN GREATER THAN HUMANS !!
THAT'S MURDER !

WE CHOSE THIS FEMALE TEACHER AS THE SACRIFICE FOR TONIGHT'S RITUAL...
AND YOUR FAGGOT ASS CAN BE A PART OF OUR SACRIFICE, TOO!
NO!
THIS IS INSANE !!
HOW COULD YOU EVEN THINK THAT!?
HUMANS CAN'T TRANSCEND THEIR HUMANITY! AND THEY SHOULDN'T!
HUMANS HAVE TO LIVE LIKE HUMANS SHOULD!

A FOOL LIKE YOU WOULD NEVER UNDERSTAND...
THERE IS A LIMIT TO HUMANS' FUTURE!
THE END OF THE WORLD IS DRAWING NEAR...
AND ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE TRANSCENDED HUMANITY WILL SURVIVE!
ONLY DESTRUCTION AWAITS US PUNY HUMANS!
GOD OR THE DEVIL!

SHU-TENDO.
THIS IS NO SHIT...
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS THE DEVIL! ARE YOU JUST GOING TO SACRIFICE A LIFE FOR YOUR INSANITY!?
CUT THE SHIT!
WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED LIFE FROM THE DEMONIC REALM!
WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN THE DEVIL!
!
AND THEIR APPEARANCE...
WHAT !?

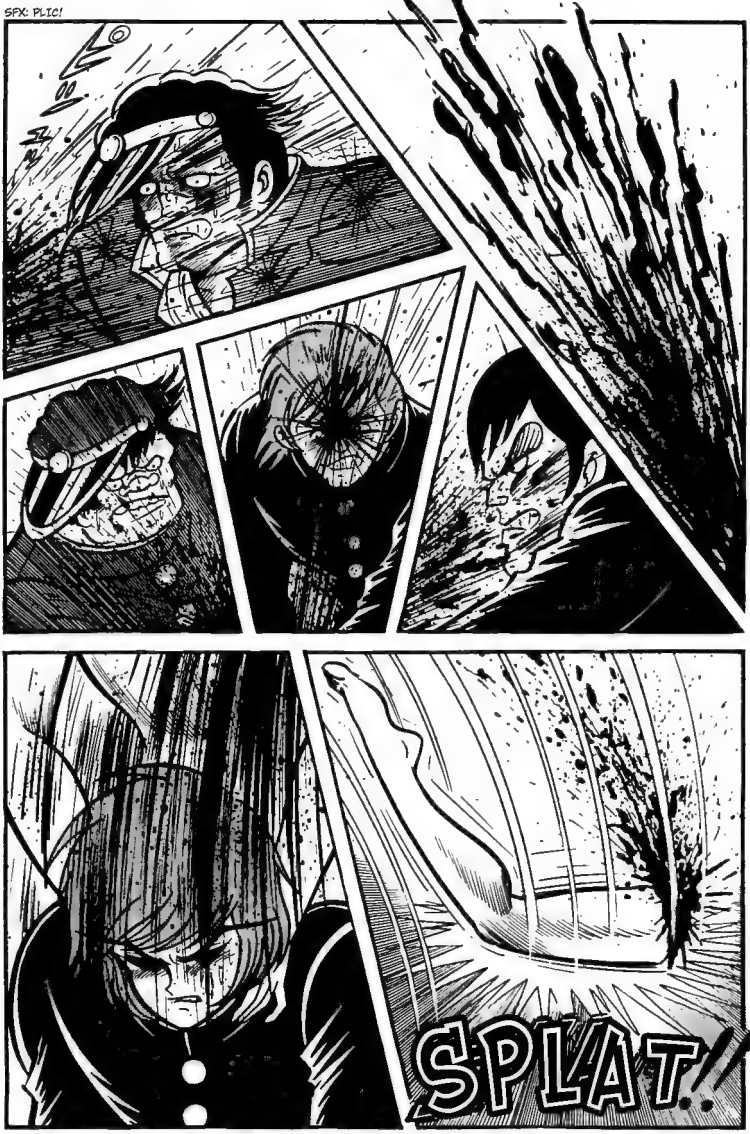
WAS JUST LIKE THE DEMONS OF LEGEND!
!!
THIS IS THE WILL OF THE RULER OF THE DEMONIC REALM!
SHUTENDO JIRO, YOU ARE NOT HERE BY A MERE COINCIDENCE!
WE ARE ALREADY ACTING ON THE ORDERS OF THESE DEMONS!

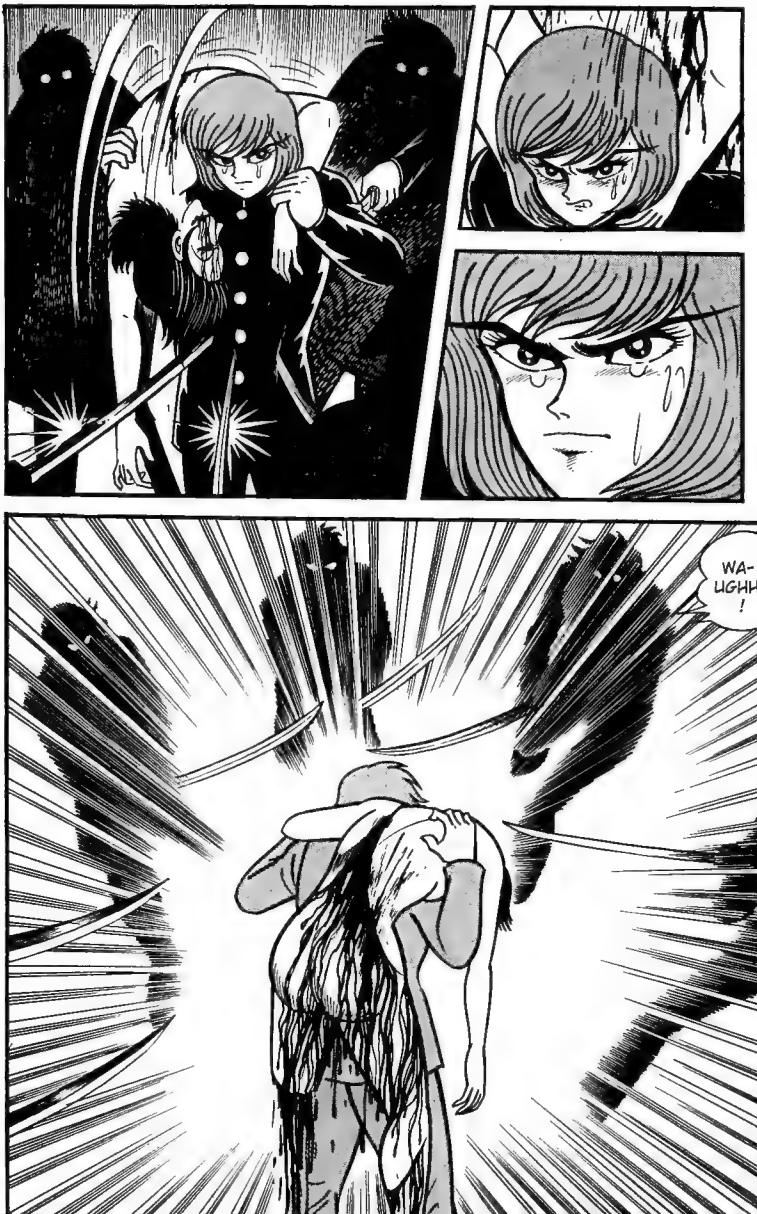
SFX: PUSH!
THIS WOMAN IS ONLY BAIT TO LURE YOU HERE!
AND THAT RULER'S TRUE GOAL IS YOUR DEATH!
!

HEHEHE... AS YOU WISH, I'LL STAY WITH YOU, UNTIL I END YOU!
THEY'RE NOT NORMAL. THEY REALLY MEAN TO COMMIT MURDER...
STAY WITH ME, MS. TANEMURA...
HUH !?
AHHAHHAH!! ARRRGGGGHHHH!
CRAAACK!
UGGGH! WHAT ARE YOU DOING... MS...

DIE, SHUTEN-DOJI!!!
I'M GOING TO SNAP YOUR GOD-DAMN NECK!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? RUN HIM THROUGH!!
MILK GOODIES
HUH!? T... THAT VOICE...
MY LORD ...
!
DO NOT HESITATE TO HARM THIS WOMAN'S BODY! NOW DO IT!!

SFX: WAUGHHHHH! / STAB! STAB! STAB! / WAUGHHHHH! / DAAASH! DAAASH! DAAASH!


SFX: PLIC!
SPLAT!!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UGHHH
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IS HE INHUMAN !?
OUR SWORDS WON'T GET THROUGH TO SHU-TENDO'S BODY!
W... WE CAN'T GET THROUGH ...
HOW DARE YOU USE MY TEACHER, DEMON!
YOU MANIPULATED THE BLOOD-BOUND, YOU MANIPULATED MY TEACH -ER..
ALL THAT JUST SO YOU COULD DEFEAT ME...?
WHY !?
ARE YOU AFRAID OF MY POWER, DEMON THOUGH YOU ARE!?

IF YOU WANT TO KILL ME, THEN KILL ME!
BUT ...
DON'T INVOLVE INNOCENT PEOPLE!
CAN YOU HEAR ME, DEMON!?
SHOW YOURSELF!

HOHHOHOHOHO...
I SHOWED MYSELF TO YOU FROM THE VERY BEGINNING...
SHU-TEN-DOJI!
!!
SHIRA-TORI!?
AH HAH HA HA HA !!

THE DEMON CLAN HAS THE ABILITY TO COPY THE FORM OF ANY OTHER ORGANISM!
NOT ONLY THAT, BUT THEIR PERSONALITY AND MEMORIES AS WELL!
THE REAL SHIRATORI MIYUKI IS NOT HERE!

HAH HAH HAH HA!
YOU EVEN USED SHIRATORI ...
YOU FIEND!
WHERE IS THE REAL SHIRATORI MIYUKI!?
WHY ARE YOU AFTER MY LIFE!?
YOU HAVE NO NEED TO KNOW, SINCE YOU ARE ABOUT TO DIE...
NOW DIE IN YOUR IGNORANCE!

YOU WILL HAVE NO FUTURE UNLESS YOU DO!
KILL HIM !!
ARRRRGGGGHHHH!
SFX. ETUAAAHHHHHHHHHHHH!!
えい
GRKHHHHGKH!!

THE FUCK!?
!
CRAAACK!
CRAAACK!
CRAAACK!
CRAAACK!
CRAAACK!
CRAAACK!

OUR SWORDS ...
O...
AWA WA ...
THE DEVIL MAY HAVE MADE YOU DO IT...
BUT YOU KILLED MY TEACHER!
YOU'LL PAY... FOR THIS!
FOR YOU ARE NOW NO LONGER HUMAN!
YOU TRULY HAVE TRANSCENDED YOUR HUMANITY...

YOU ARE DEVILS!!
IT WAS THEN...
THAT SHUTENDO JIRO'S DEMONIC SHADOW SWELLED UP TO A GIANT SIZE!!
FWOOOOOOOSH!!

THE FUCK !?
SFX: THUD!
SFX: THUD!
!?
SFX: WAUGHHHHH! / AIEEEEE!
!?
AAH

W-
WHAT
THE...
!?
!
SFX: THUD!
SFX: BAANG!

AAA...AAHH...
GGGG GH...
HHHHGGH!
GHHHGGGH!
SFX: CRAAACK! / CRAAACK! / CRAAACK! / SPLINTER! SPLINTER! SPLINTER! / CRAAACK! CRAAACK! / CRUNCH! CRUNCH! CRUNCH! / ICREEEEEAK!

SFX: CREEEAK! CREEEAK!
UGEEE
EHHH
HHH
!
GGG
SFX. WHOOOOOSH! / SLAAASH!

W... WHAT PRES-SURE...
THERE'S AN INCREDIBLE PRESSURE COMING OUT FROM SHUTENDOJI'S BODY...
IS THAT HIS PSYCHIC ENERGY...?
OR IS IT... GGGHH H...
GL OOO ---O OLLL GGH H---
SFX: SNAAAP!
SFX: CRUNCH
SFX: CRAAACK!

SFX: CRAAACK! CRAAACK! CRAAACK!
SFX: CRUNCH! CRUNCH!
SFX: SPLURT!
WAUGHHHHH!!
HUH!?
WHAT'S ...GOING ON!?
OH, I SEE!!

THAT INVISIBLE POWER THAT PROTECTS ME!
THAT PHENOMENON... IS HAPPENING AGAIN!!
THAT POWER'S ACTIVE AGAIN!
IT'S NOT SHUTENDOJI'S PSYCHIC ENERGY!
IT'S NOT HIS POWER!
IT'S NOT HIM!
HUH!?
NO!?
I'VE GOT IT!
I CAN WIN! I CAN WIN!!
THEY'VE TRAVELLED ACROSS TIME TO SEND SHUTENDOJI A THOUGHT BARRIER TO PROTECT HIM!
IT'S THEM!

WAH HAH HAH HA!
I CAN WIN! I CAN STILL WIN!
SFX: CRAAACK! CRAAACK! CRAAACK!
SHU-TENDOJI STILL HAS NO POWER OF HIS OWN...
SFX: CRAAASH!
SFX: SLAAAM! / SNAAAP! / SPLAT! SPLAT!

WAS THAT... MY POWER...?
THAT POWER THAT MERCILESSLY SLAUGHTERED ANYONE THAT THREATENED ME?
.....
SFX: CRAAACK!
N... NO...
DID MY ANGER KILL THEM?
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SFX: FWOOOOOSH!

THERE SHOULD BE A CLASSROOM ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT WALL...
BUT WHAT KIND OF SPACE IS THIS!?
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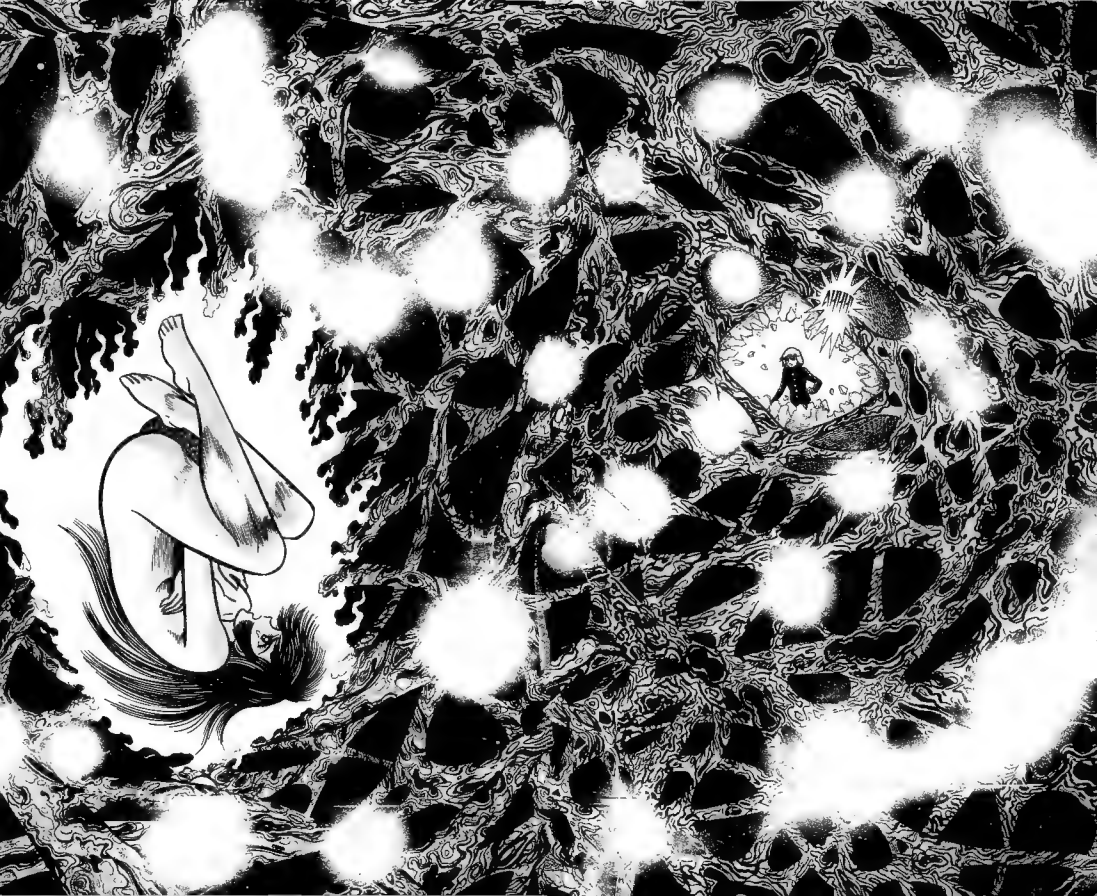
AHHH!

SHIRA-
TORI!
HEEE
ELP
MEE
EEEE
EE!
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EE!

AHHHHHHH!!
AHHHHHHH!!
AHEEEEEEEE!

BUT THAT MICROCOSM IS A SUBSPACE CREATED BY MY THOUGHT!
YOU MUST ENTER THAT SPACE IF YOU WISH TO SAVE SHIRATORI MIYUKI!
SHU-TEN-DOJI!
YOUR BARRIER WILL NOT HELP YOU THERE!
HEHE HE...

WILL YOU STILL GO IN TO SAVE SHIRATORI MIYUKI... SHUTEN-DOJI!?
THIS MICRO-COSM IS A WORLD WITHIN MY OWN MIND! NO FOREIGN THOUGHTS CAN ENTER IT!
AH HAH HAH!

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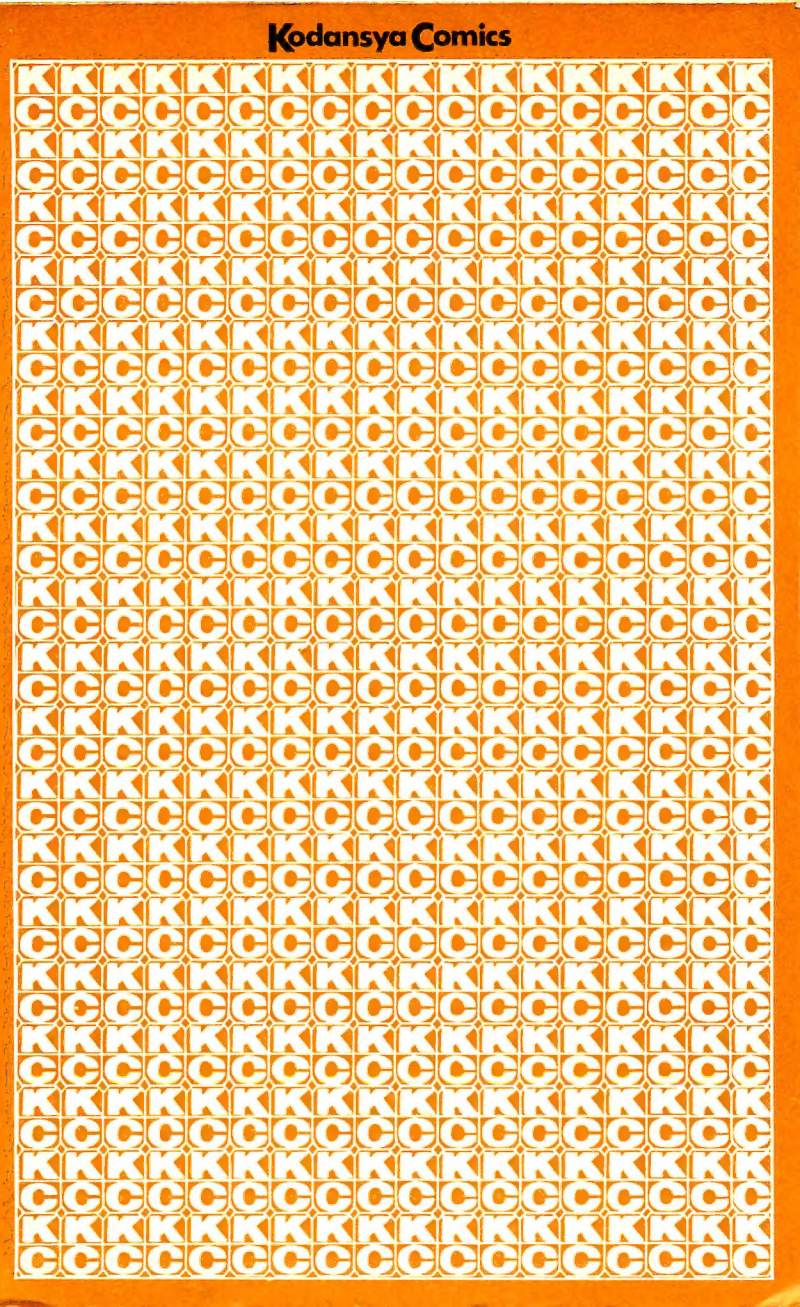
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